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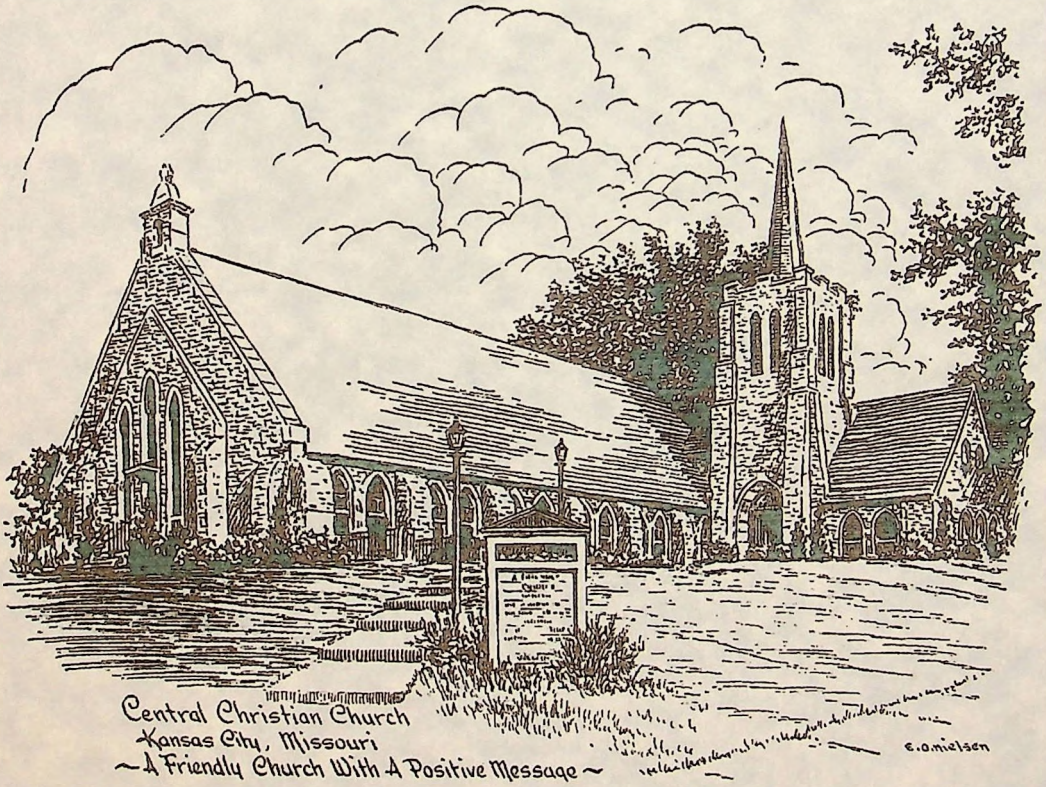
The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Central Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri

1835 ❖ 2015



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The History of "Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)" in the Metro-Kansas City Area
and History of "Central Christian Church" - Kansas City, Missouri
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PART I ❖ PROLOGUE

A BRIEF HISTORY OF

"FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - THE MOTHER CHURCH"

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI - 1855 ❖ 2013

First Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri was organized in 1855, in what was then known as the "City of Kansas". During the one-hundred-fifty-eight years of its existence it helped establish about thirty other Churches in the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, including Central Christian Church. Thus, the name "The Mother Church".

However, First Christian Church was not the earliest Church in the Stone-Campbell Movement established in Missouri. In 1888, T. H. Haley published a very comprehensive work entitled "Historical and Biographical Sketches of the early Churches and Pioneer Preachers of the Christian Church in Missouri". In this monumental work of five-hundred-seventy-eight pages, he records the history of twelve Christian Churches established in various towns in Missouri which were started before First Christian Church.

They were:
1832 - Lone Jack Christian Church - Lone Jack, Missouri
1835 - First Christian Church - Independence, Missouri
1837 - Westport Christian Church - Westport, Missouri
1837 - The Church of God Christian Church - Liberty, Missouri
1837 - Creek Christian Church - Weston, Missouri
1838 - Camden Point Christian Church - Camden Point, Missouri
1840 - Barry Christian Church - Barry, Missouri
1843 - Church of Christ - Smithville, Missouri
1845 - Bethlehem Christian Church - Town of Kansas, Missouri
1848 - Antioch Christian Church - Location not listed
1850 - Missouri City Christian Church - Missouri City, Missouri
1852 - Weston Christian Church - Weston, Missouri
1855 - First Christian Church - City of Kansas, Missouri

NOTE: Early names for the area that later became Kansas City, Missouri were:
Pre-1939 - Port Fonda, Rabbitville and Possum Trot
1839 - Officially -"Town of Kansas"
1853 - Officially - "City of Kansas"
1889 - Officially - "Kansas City" (The year Central Christian Church was established.)

In the beginning First Christian Church began meeting in a log cabin, on the banks of the Missouri River, when the "City of Kansas" had a population of about 2,500. Soon the congregation moved into the City Hall, which was located at Second and Main Streets.

Judge Thomas A. Smart, a member of First Christian Church, owned a farm which stretched from Eighth and Baltimore to Twelfth and Locust. He offered the church a lot at the northwest corner of Twelfth and Main Street, although some of the members considered the location "very far south." In 1858 a neat and substantial brick building was erected and dedicated in 1859. An early writer of the history of First Christian, Burris Jenkins, wrote: "An interesting fact about the building is that there were two sets of steps and two front entrance doors to the church, one for the men and one for the women. During worship services they occupied opposite sides of the auditorium."

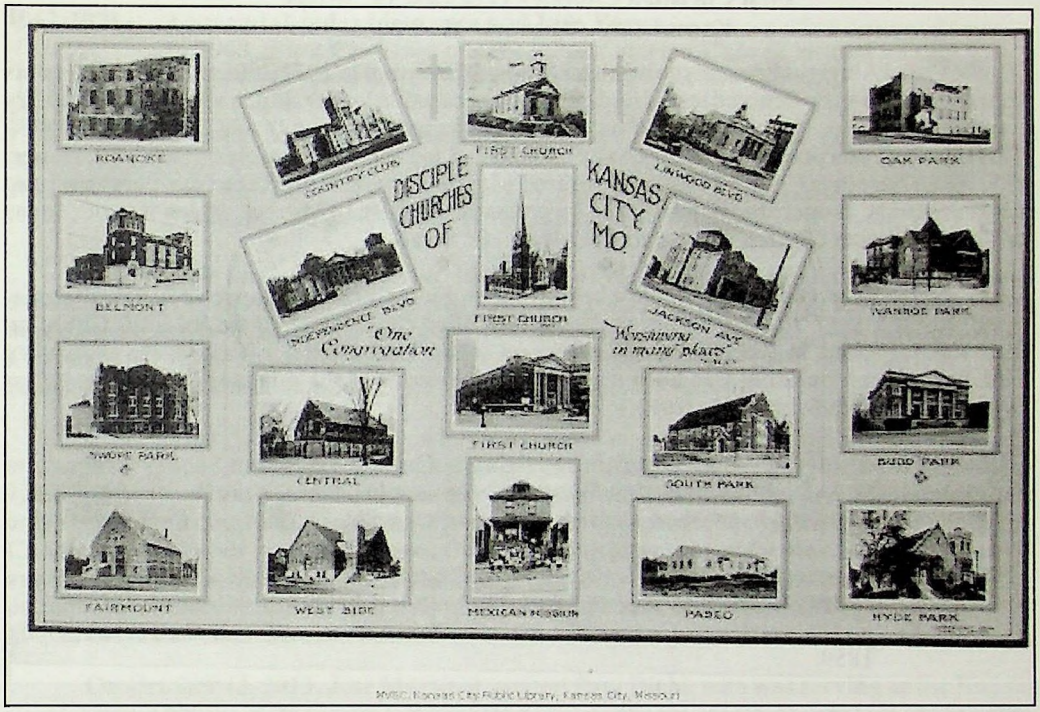
First Christian Church
Twelfth and Main Street
Built 1859
Torn down 1881

During the Civil War, First Christian suffered the loss of their minister and the membership was greatly weakened and scattered. After the war ended their minister returned and "gathered up the pieces" and the church began to grow again. From 1865 until 1880, several ministers served the church, and it grew and kept pace with the growth of the city. In 1880, business had encroached upon the church on Main Street to such an extent that they sold their property for $22,000, and secured property to build a new church building. They continued to meet for a short time in a hall over the 1211 Main Street building. Then they secured the large and commodious Hall of the Knights of Pythias, where they met until the basement of the new church on the corner of 11th and Locust was completed in November 1882. The new church structure cost about $42,500, and was dedicated free of debt.

First Christian Church
Built 1882 at 11th and Locust
1882-1968
Photo cir 1925

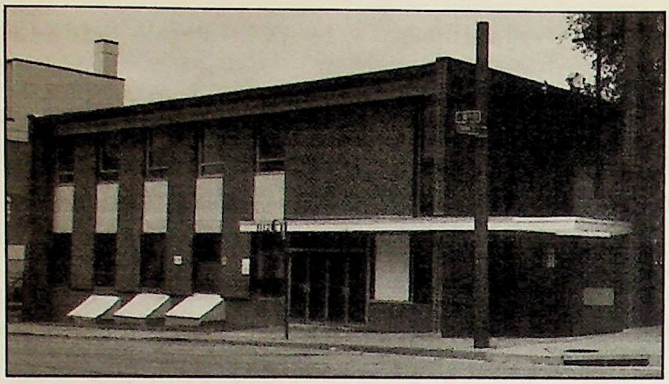
Rev. Thomas P. Haley was the minister at First Christian during the 1880's, and under his dynamic leadership the witness of the Christian Church grew tremendously in the Kansas City area. In 1882 the membership was reported at 100. The congregation grew very rapidly to 600 members by 1900. Later figures indicate that at one time First Christian had 1,000 members. The church's size and influence was certainly extraordinary for the times.

In a short time a missionary spirit guided the congregation at First Christian, in the form of planting mission churches throughout the area. Several new churches were established in the 1880's. First Christian became the "unofficial headquarters" for all the Christian churches and missions in the city. Over the years First Christian was instrumental in leading in the establishment of more than 30 churches as Kansas City continued to grow.



Montage of eighteen Christian Churches in Kansas City, Missouri
printed in the Kansas City Star in 1926

In 1968, during the ministry of Tom (Linda) Lieurance (1962-1971), First Christian moved from 11th and Locust to 1112 East 10th Street. At that time the church had about 100 members, and did not have the financial resources to maintain the very old and large church building on Locust. In a conversation with Rev. Lieurance, he said *"the glory days of the church were over."* However, First Christian Church, in both locations, had a very significant ministry to the children, young people, and the indigent and homeless men living in the downtown area.



First Christian Church - 1112 East 10th Street
Kansas City, Missouri - 1968-2013

Carol Albright became the minister of First Christian in 1971, and served for thirty-six years, during a very demanding period. Under her capable leadership, a specialized ministry was created under the auspices of First Christian, known as the "TOGETHER CENTER". This mission enterprise was intentionally established to reach the troubled youth of the inner-city. The "Together Center" was incorporated with its' own Board of Directors, personnel and programming. It operated in a building located at 1110 East 10th Street, which was next door to First Christian Church located at 1112 East 10th Street.

In 1995 Carol Albright wrote a history about First Christian Church covering its' one-hundred-forty year history. In her work she identified the ministers who led First Christian from its' beginning in 1855 until 1995. (Current editor has edited her history, showing when each new church building was built and adding the names of the ministers who served First Christian Church from 1995 - 2013.)

1855	**Frances R. Palmer and John O'Kane - Organizing Elders** **In 1855, First Christian Church began in a log cabin, near the banks of the Missouri River, in a location that is unknown.**
1855-1858	**Frances R. Palmer, became the first Pastor** **During his ministry, First Christian built its' first church building in 1858, on the northwest Corner of 12th and Main Street, and dedicated it in early 1859.**
1858-1870	**Henry H. Haley, was the second Pastor (Brother of Thomas P. Haley)**
1870	**Elder George W. Logan**
1871	**Elder Alexander Procter**
1872	**Rev. John H. Mountjoy**
1873-1881	**Elder John Z. Taylor** **About 1880 the congregation found it necessary to move to a larger facility and they temporarily met in the City Hall, located at 2nd and Main Street.**
1881-1894	**Thomas P. Haley, D.D. (Brother of Henry H. Haley)** **In 1882, First Christian built its' second church building on the northwest corner of 11th and Locust and dedicated it in November. It was enlarged**

several times in the succeeding years. The church carried on a very dynamic and fruitful ministry from this location for eighty-six years. (1882-1968)

1894-1916	William Franklin Richardson, D.D.
1917-1918	Rev. James E. Davis
1919-1921	Rev. Arthur Braden
1921-1927	Rev. Roy Rutherford
1927-1928	J.T. Ferguson, M.D., Interim Minister
1928-1934	Rev. Traverce Harrison
1935-1940	Rev. Charles Stewart
1941-1947	Rev. Clyde Sherman
1948-1958	C. O. Wilson
1959-1961	Paul Berry
1962-1971	Tom and (Linda) Lieurance and Lois Young In 1968, First Christian bought a Presbyterian Church located on the northwest corner of 10th and Forest (1112 East 10TH Street).
1971-2007	Carol J. Albright - (Mrs. Don Albright) - Pastor and Lois Young
2008-2012	Gary Rowlen - Lay Minister
2012-2013	Jose Martinez - (Rev. Ramona Winfield & Rev. Tina Hardison, Interim ministers and Rev. Laura Beth Gordon, co-pastor.)

Carol Albright concluded her history in 1995. However, First Christian Church continued to exist for eighteen more years. In the spring of 2007, Carol's declining health necessitated her leaving active ministry. Her husband, Don Albright, was called to First Church to serve out the remainder of the year. On December 31, 2007, the Albright family concluded their combined ministry at First Christian.

On January 1, 2008, Gary Rowlen, was called to assume the pulpit as "lay minister", and capably guided the church through the next five difficult and crucial years. On September 2, 2012, Jose Martinez was called to the pastoral leadership of the church. Rev. Martinez had only served for a couple of weeks, until late October 2012, when he was deployed as a military Chaplain with the Air National Guard. Before leaving he arranged for Rev. Ramona Winfield and Rev. Tina Hardison to share pastoral leadership during his absence. After his brief deployment he returned to First Christian and Rev. Laura Beth Gordon began serving with him as co-pastor until October 2013.

On October 13, 2013, Jose Martinez invited Paul Diehl, who was serving as the Kansas City Regional Minister-President and Neil Engle the Regional Moderator, to join with the few remaining members at their morning worship service. After the worship service a meeting with Mr. Diehl and Mr. Engle and the pastoral team was held.

In September of 2015, Gary Rowlen sent this writer a lengthy e-mail, in which he referred to that Sunday afternoon meeting on October 13, as a "fateful meeting" and reported that "the meeting ended abruptly with the resignation of the pastoral team."

A few days after that "fateful meeting", on October 17, 2013, the Disciple Regional Executive Committee met and Mark Willis moved "that all tenants cease occupancy and operation immediately of the buildings at 1110 and 1112 E. 10th Street, Kansas City, Mo. (Known as 1st Christian Church and Together Center)." Raymond Hankins seconded. Motion carried. "This will be recommended to the Regional Board for approval."

One month later, in the official minutes of the "Together Center" Directors Meeting for November 2013, the directors regretfully wrote "It is clearly revealed that our fateful future is closely related to that of First Christian. Despite all valiant efforts of First Christian and the Together Center our doom is at hand."

Mr. Rowlen, in his e-mail, reported that prior to the October 13th meeting, there were about a dozen "participating members" at First Christian. However, only three members, Gary Thomas , Regina Thomas and Margaret Rasheed remained to the very end in order to "tender the keys" of the property to the Regional office when the church closed their doors in early December 2013.

Thus, ended the very significant one-hundred and fifty-eight year ministry of witness and service for the cause of Christ by First Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF
"CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH ❖ KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
1889 ❖ 2015

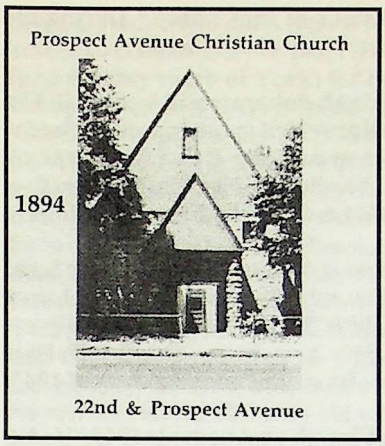
In May of 1889, two elderly women from First Christian Church began a house to house canvas in an area about three miles from the downtown church, where more family residences were being built, to provide a mission Bible School for children in the growing area. A group of thirteen members of the church helped support the mission project. They began meeting in a store building located at 18th Street and Prospect Avenue. However, as the mission group grew in numbers they felt the need to begin worship services as well. As a result a church was organized and took the name Prospect Avenue Christian Church. One of the members, G. H. Kerr, built a small building at 1809 Prospect where they could worship.

1889

1809 Prospect Avenue

PROSPECT AVENUE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1889-1894

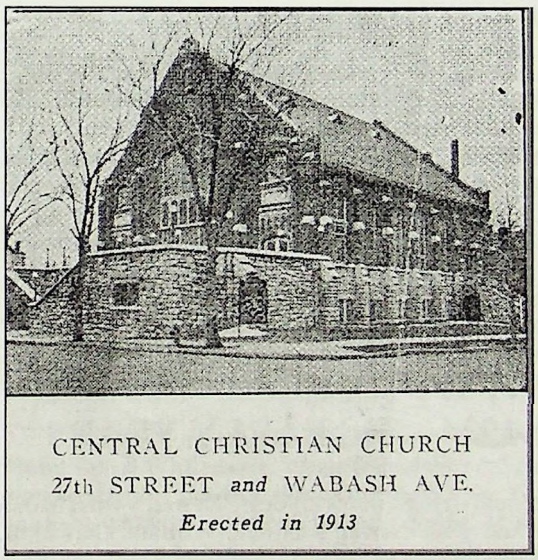
In 1894, the Prospect Avenue Christian Church decided to move farther south. They bought ground at the corner at 22nd and Prospect and built a new stone church building. After the dedication of this building all the departments of the church were officially organized. The church experienced growth in members and Bible School attendance. The Ladies Aid and Christian Women's Board of Missions were started.



PROSPECT AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1894-1909

The church membership continued to grow and in 1909 they decided to move even further south. They sold the Prospect Avenue Church building to the Arlington Methodist Episcopal Church.

Land was secured at 2411 East 27th Street, at the corner of 27th Street and Wabash, one block west of Prospect Avenue, to build their new Church building. Originally the new church was called the "Wabash Christian Church", however in 1919, the September 25, 1919 issue of "The Christian Century", reported that "the name Central Christian Church became the official title."



This Building was originally named
WABASH CHRISTIAN CHURCH
The name was changed in 1919 to
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The congregation was at this location
from 1913 - 1946
2411 East 27th Street
Kansas City, Missouri
Photo - About 1943

At the beginning of construction the members built a temporary tabernacle on one of the lots, so they could gather for worship. (Editor's note: I'm assuming the congregation only

used the tabernacle while they were building the ground floor of the church. During the winter, the weather would have made it impractical for them to meet outdoors.)

When finished, this impressive large stone edifice was both elaborate and beautiful. The sanctuary was very large and the classrooms and other areas provided great opportunities for tremendous growth. In July 1913, under the leadership of their minister Rev. L. J. Marshall, the congregation was finally able to dedicate their new church building. The salary for the first three ministers at the new location was paid for by First Christian Church, the mother church.

During the next thirty years, from 1913-1943, the country endured World War I, the Great Depression and the beginning of World War II. The ministers who led the church during those turbulent years were, L. J. Marshall, E. E. Violette & J. B. Robertson (1919- co-pastors), John W. Darby, O. L. Hull, C. L. Thomas and H. Parr Armstrong. Brother H. Parr Armstrong led the congregation for ten of those thirty years - from 1933 through July of 1943.

Newell Hall began his ministry at Central Christian Church on August 1, 1943. He led the church through a period of dynamic expansion and growth and concluded his ministry at Central Christian on December 31, 1956. His thirteen and one-half year ministry at Central has been the longest in the church's history from 1889 - 2015.

The following is a list of ministers, as recorded in the annual "Yearbook of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)" who have served the Central Christian Church congregation from 1933 until 2015:

1933 - 1943 - Dr. H. Parr Armstrong
1943 - 1956 - Newell M. Hall
1957 - 1959 - Carl Hall
1959 - 1961 - Harold Lee Blackburn, Sr.
1965 - 1971 - James L. Blair
1972 - 1975 - Claude Walker
1976 - None listed
1977 - 1981 Norman Fiddmont
1982 - None listed
1983 - S.S. Myers & Edward W Scaggs, Co-Pastors
1984 - Lloyd B. Facen
1985 - 1997 - Deloris A. Turner
1998 - 2000 - None Listed
2001 - 2008 - Edwin C Hill
2009 - 2012 - None listed
2013 to current year 2015 - Antoine Lee

PART II
NEWELL HALL - 1907 ❖ 1934 - HIS EARLY YEARS

The following information is from the handwritten notes made by Newell's wife, Mona Flavil Hall, from a personal interview she had with Newell's father, William Carl Hall. (Editors Note: Newell's mothers name was Ana Leslie Cunningham Hall.)

"Newell M. Hall was born on a farm October 1, 1907, three miles southeast of York, Nebraska. He lived there for 2 years and then moved to Kingsley place (farm) for 3 years.

Then moved to Gresham (farm) for 1 ½ years. Then to Glencoe, Oklahoma for 6 months. Then moved to Greenfield, Missouri from May to July. Then came back to Reed farm, 2 miles south (presumably south of York) for one year. Newell started school at District 4. Then moved to Otto place (farm) to Charleston (farm) for 2 years. Then moved to farm south of York for 3 years. Then moved east of York College for 1 year. Then moved back to farm near where Newell was born for 1 year. Then moved to City of York and where Grandpa for Highway 81, dragged roads for 2 years. Newell had paper route here. Then moved 1 mile east of (York) College on farm for 1 year. Newell learned to play the saxophone. Then moved to Giesl (sp) farm 1 mile from Utica, Nebraska, and 1 mile north for 3 years. Then moved to McCool and lived in the Shaw house, then Moyer house then Shaw house. They (3) ran a filling station there. Grandpa and Grandma Hall went to California for 1 year and Newell bought a Model T Coupe and worked on the Wilbrant farm. (Grandpa and Grandma) came back to McCool and Grandpa and boys ran a garage in McCool. Built new house there for 1 year. Then moved to farm east of Maple Grove School house for 10 years." (According to my calculations Newell was about 12 Years old when he lived south of York for 3 years." (The remainder of Mona's writing is recorded in POSTSCRIPT #1 below.)

Mona wrote a side note that Newell accepted Christ at 12 years of age at the York Church of Christ, in York, Nebraska.

Newell only attended school only through the eighth grade. Following World War I, in order to help his family, he stopped attending school in order to work in the harvest fields.

However, for some time as a young man, Newell desired to become a Christian minister and so in September of 1930, at the age of twenty-two, he left home and enrolled in Manhattan Bible College, in Manhattan, Kansas, to prepare for the ministry. At that time Manhattan Bible College was only three years old, having been established in September of 1927. Three months later, in his JOURNAL #1, he recorded the names of the first two persons he baptized on December 1, 1930, at the Christian Church in Lyndon, Kansas.

Four months after beginning his studies at M. B. C., his home church, the Church of Christ in York, Nebraska, ordained him into the Christian ministry on December 28, 1930. Eight months later he began preaching at the Christian Church in Mayview, Kansas. Because he did not graduate from High School, it was necessary for him also to complete his High School requirements at the same time he was a student at Manhattan Bible College. This fact alone indicates how motivated and dedicated Newell was in order to achieve his goal of becoming a minister.

Newell graduated from Manhattan Bible College in June of 1934. From his personal "JOURNAL #1" it seems to indicate that before his graduation, the Christian Church in LeRoy, Kansas had already called him to be their minister. However, before he could start his ministry in LeRoy, a very important event had to take place.

As a young man in McCool Junction, Nebraska, Newell met a young Methodist girl, Mona Flavil Whitemore. Their friendship developed and on Sunday, June 3, 1934, they were married in McCool Junction. One week later, on Sunday, June 10, 1934, he conducted his 38th baptism when he baptized his new bride, Mona Hall, at the Christian Church in Lincoln, Kansas, where he was scheduled to preach on that Sunday.

Newell Hall and Mona Flavil Whitemore on their Wedding Day- June 3, 1934

PART III
THE EARLY MARRIAGE YEARS
1934 ❖ 1943

Immediately after their wedding and honeymoon Newell and Mona took up residence in LeRoy, Kansas where Newell was called to serve as minister in the Christian Church. They ministered with the LeRoy congregation from June 1934 through December 1935.

Beginning in January 1936 they left LeRoy and moved to Enid, Oklahoma in order for Newell to continue his education in the Seminary at Phillips University. During his three years in Seminary he also ministered at the Christian Church in Waldron, Kansas. His first baptism in Waldron was #76, on April 13, 1936. The church in Waldron was just 59 miles from Enid; it about took about 1 1/4 hours to drive. Like so many students in Seminary, they attended classes from Monday through Friday, and then ministered to small churches on the week ends. Their first child, Robert William Hall, was born on Tuesday, December 21, 1936, in Enid, Oklahoma, at the Baptist Hospital which was located near the Phillips University campus.

Newell graduated from the Phillips Seminary on May 30, 1938, where he earned both his Bachelor of Divinity degree and his Masters degree. After graduation he began a full-time ministry with the Christian Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas. On April 1, 1939, he conducted his 101st baptism. Their second child, Marilyn Pearl Hall was born in their home, on June 8, 1940, at Baxter Springs. On July 28, 1943, he concluded his four-year ministry at Baxter Springs, after increasing the church membership with 225 baptisms and additions.

PART IV
NEWELL HALL - 1943 ❖ 1956 - THE CENTRAL YEARS

On August 1, 1943, Brother Hall began a new ministry with Central Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri. The church was located at 2411 East 27th Street, at the corner of 27th

and Wabash. On his first Sunday at Central Christian he received his 327th member. Two-hundred-twenty new members where added to the church membership during the next two years. The church had agreed to purchase a parsonage for the Halls to reside at 3244 Lockridge. On November 23, 1945, their third child, Mona Marie Hall was born,

In August 1943, a "SPECIAL EDITION" of the "CENTRAL CHRISTIAN" newsletter was published to introduce and welcome Newell Hall and his family to Central Christian Church. Pages 2-4 of this issue is continued on page 40.

The Central Christian

Our Special Church-Family Welcome Edition to Newell M. Hall and His Family

KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 1, 1943

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
27th STREET and WABASH AVE.
Erected in 1913

"How then shall they call upon him in whom they have not believed: and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard—and how shall they hear without a preacher?

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace and bring glad tidings of good things!"—Rom. 10: 14-15.

NEWELL M. HALL,
Our New Minister

Welcomes From Our Six Leading Groups

Earl Berger,
Chairman, Official Board

Once again, in the life of this fine old Church, we welcome another pastor and his loved ones. We who have had the pleasure of having the Halls in our home, have fallen in love with them; they have a wonderful Christian attitude of Life; and I am sure that, as we go along with them through the years we will, more and more, want to live the Jesus Way.

So, speaking for the Offical Board of this Church, we pray for you and yours, Rev. Hall; and may God bless you and keep you, always—able to preach "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified."

Olaf Lear
Chairman, Board of Elders

The Elders welcome you, Rev. Hall and family, to this Church. With your record, (and we are told of your high ambitious standards, and your records for progress) we are sure Central will maintain her high place, among the Churches of the community.

We also extend to you, our hearts and our hands, in the work you would have us to do, to make your living with us, happy, and your work with us, most pleasant and progressive.

A new world is in the making; and we are happy to have you with us, in its building. May God's blessing be with all of us, in our combined efforts.

Oney Allcock,
Chairman, Board of Deacons

The Deacons of Central Christian are happy to have this opportunity of saying "Welcome" to Rev. and Mrs. Hall, as our Shepherds sent from God, to guide and lead us, in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

May you feel, at all times, that we are ever-ready to do all within our power to make your work at Central successful in the eyes of God.

May Peace be in the hearts of all who love God; and may we all pray and work for an everlasting Peace in the hearts of all mankind.

Mrs. Leitha Graves
Chairman, Board of Deaconesses

It is my privilege to say: "Welcome You," Rev. Hall and family, with hearts and hands that are always ready and willing to help, in building the Kingdom of God.

Our love for Jesus Christ, and our Faith in His teachings and promises, give us the Courage to 'carry on,' in these 'trying Times.'

We pledge our whole-hearted cooperation, in helping you in every way humanly possible, as our pastor and minister.

May the love of Jesus Christ shine in all our lives, as we serve together in God's work at Central Christian.

Mr. John Carr
Bible School Superintendent

The teachers and officers of the Bible School wish to extend a most sincere and hearty welcome to our new minister, Rev. Newell M. Hall and his family. We wish for them the very highest of blessings, both spiritual and temporal, during his pastorate with us.

In early 1944, because of the increase in membership and the change in the demographics of the area around the church, under Newell's leadership the church leaders Kansas City decided to relocate and move the congregation further south from downtown.

In early 1945, their church building was sold to the Morning Star Baptist Church, a black congregation. However, the sale stipulated that they would not be able to take possession until July 1, 1946. Evidently the leaders at Central had projected a construction time-table of about one and one-half years to raise the funds and construct the new church building.

In the recorded history of the Morning Star Baptist Church they wrote: "The Rev. Newell M. Hall, Pastor of the Central Christian Church, gave full possession to the Morning Star Baptist Church on July 1, 1946, upon receipt of $20,000.00. THE VICTORY WAS ONE! The "Victory March" from 24th and Vine to 27th and Wabash was highly emotional and spirit filled. This was the climax of a long anticipated dream"

Sixty white-robed Choir members from the Morning Star Baptist Church led the Baptist Church congregation in their "Victory March" and a large Boy Scout Troop ended the procession.

The church leaders selected and purchased the entire block of land from 3800 to 3900 East Linwood Boulevard, from Cleveland Avenue to Mersington Avenue, facing north on Linwood Boulevard, on which to build the new church building. Architectural plans were developed and the projected cost of Central's new church building was $75,000 dollars. The Building Fund Campaign, created to raise the money, adopted the slogan "*THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A CENTRAL*".

The new location was ideal. It would be across the street from the Central Junior High and two blocks from Central High School and would be a very visible location on a well traveled Boulevard. The church leaders printed a booklet, "*LET US RISE UP AND BUILD*" to inform the congregation of the design of the new church, with floor plans, and a page for the members to make a pledge of financial support, the money to be given by June 1, 1946. They wrote, "The building will be built of English Gothic style, and made of native stone". One page in the booklet has this message, undoubtedly written by Newell, as follows:

OUR PURPOSE IN BUILDING

"Central Christian Church believes that she has not only a purpose, but a great message from Christ to deliver. "We build anew with Christ" in order that we might fulfill the purpose to which we committed ourselves as a part of a great brotherhood. This purpose may be stated in brief as follows:

To restore the New Testament church.
To exalt Christ above party, and his word above all human.
To plead for the Unity of God's people.
To follow the New Testament for the essentials of faith.
To lead sinners to Christ in the clear light of the New Testament teaching and example.
Our plea is therefore the New Testament plea, which is:
"In Faith, Unity: In opinions, Liberty: In all things, Love."

We build at Linwood Boulevard and Cleveland Avenue because it is the geographic center of the present and possible future membership of Central . The community is not over-churched. There are hundreds of children, young people, and adults who are without a church home, and who are living daily without any spiritual guidance, comfort and strength . The community will see a beautiful Church building as the symbol of our faith."

World War II officially ended on September 2, 1945. One month later, on October 14, 1945, with new optimism and hope for a bright future, a "Ground Breaking Ceremony" was held and the contractors immediately began their construction work. As soon as the foundation walls were in place and the floor of the sanctuary was completed, both men and women volunteered many days and evenings using their special talents and skills on the interior portion of the church. This contribution of time and effort saved the church many dollars. This labor of love continued until the church building was finally completed. It was estimated that donated labor, during construction by members, saved about $25,000. One source said the projected cost of construction was to be $75,000. After the building was completed, an article in 1949 reported that the actual cost was $125,000.

Six months after construction was started the work on the basement was finished and the upper level of the church was far enough along so the cornerstone could be set in place.

On Sunday, April 7, 1946, at 3 P.M., an afternoon worship service was held on the grounds of the new church. At this service a metal box filled with historical documents was sealed and placed in the hollow cornerstone in preparation for it to be mounted at the northwest corner of the church building. Earlier in the day, during the morning worship service, designated members representing various groups in the church had placed the following items in the metal box:

Copies of Central Christian Church Bulletins
Editions of "*The Kansas City Star*"
Ground Breaking Bulletin
Cornerstone Laying Bulletin
East Side News, (Local community newspaper)
"*World Call*" Magazine
"*Christian Standard*" Magazine
"*Christian Evangelist*" Magazine
Current photo of the new church under construction
Booklet about the new church
History of the beginning of Central in 1889
Photo of the old Central Church at 22nd and Prospect
Pictures of the old Central Church at 27th and Wabas
The current Church Membership Roll.
The list of current Church Officers.
An Honor Roll, listing those members of Central Christian who served in the military during World War II.

Representatives from the following church groups read messages they had written that were then deposited in the box: Bible School Superintendent, Christian Endeavor President, Boy Scout Troop Leader, Women's Council President, Chairman of the Elders, Chairman of the Deacons and Chairwoman of the Deaconesses.

A copy of the Bible and a written message from Newell M. Hall was the last item placed in the box. Following is the message he wrote which was also printed on the back of he "Cornerstone Service" program bulletin:

"WHY CENTRAL MUST GO FORWARD"

"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (Eph. 5:25. What is the church? It is more than just an association of good people to do good; more than just a group of people gathered for religious worship; more than just a piece of ecclesiastical machinery. The church is more than just a human organization; at its best it is a Divine organization. The Church is the organized agency of the Kingdom of God. The Church has Christ for its builder (Matt. 16:18); its foundation (I Cor. 3:11); its head (Col. 1:18); and guest (Matt. 28:20). Central is a part of this Universal Body of Christ, the Church, and as such must "go forward" with the Divine message . The church is not a place of

perfect people, it is a place to perfect people. We come to Christ "Just As I Am Without One Plea" and then working together in the church we grow in the Christian life, and we help the Church to grow into the ideal, which is revealed in the Word of God. The new Central Christian Church we are building at Linwood and Cleveland will help us as God's children to fulfill the purpose for which Christ died. YOU WILL WANT TO HELP "BUILD ANEW" FOR CHRIST IN 1946."

The last Sunday of worship for the Central congregation at the 27th and Wabash location was held on June 30, 1946. On July 7, 1946, the new church building at 3801 East Linwood Boulevard, was only partially completed. However, the congregation began worshiping in the unfinished basement as the construction work progressed around them. For the next seven months construction continued on the sanctuary, chapel, balcony and second floor classrooms.

In the meantime, limited and inconvenient as it was, church life went on. Some activities were held in the homes of members. On December 1, 1946, the Christian Women's Board of Mission scheduled an elaborate evening program and dinner to be held in the basement. However, the weather did not cooperate and heavy rain flooded the basement. They had to quickly move the meeting upstairs to the unfinished sanctuary. Their report of the occasion related they were surrounded by scaffolds, tools and dust!

Brother Hall was a very effective leader and evangelistic preacher. A season of great evangelistic growth began and the membership of the church grew steadily. In order to introduce the church to the new community, Newell immediately scheduled a prolonged revival meeting. He invited the nationally known evangelists, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jupin to lead the revival. The revival began on Sunday, October 13,1946 and continued for four weeks, through Sunday, November 3. During the revival fifty-five members were baptized or transferred their membership.

For the next seven months the construction continued on the sanctuary, chapel, balcony and second floor classrooms. It was almost a year before they were finally able to hold worship services in the completed church building.

On June 8, 1947, the congregation rejoiced as they celebrated with a Dedication Service for the church. In the Dedication Day program booklet, the names of those who gave the stained glass windows, pews, baptistery art glass, organ and other items in the church were named. The current staff listed at that time was:

Newell M. Hall.....Minister
Eugene McFarland.....Associate Minister
Miss Betty Burnam.....Church Secretary
Miss Pearl Voepel.....Choir Director and Organist
Mrs. N. M. Staples..... Assistant Organist

When Brother Hall came to Central he was the sole minister leading and serving the congregation during those four demanding and crucial years. In the Dedication Day program booklet, the name of Eugene McFarland was shown as the Assistant Minister. Most likely he was the first Assistant Minister the church ever employed. In December of 1946, after 3 ½ years of study, he completed the necessary hours for graduation at Manhattan Christian College. He came to Central around January 1, 1947, returning to Manhattan for his graduation service in May of 1947. Much of his responsibility at Central was to be focused on the growing number of youth who were attending the church because of the close proximity

of the church to the Central Junior and Central Senior High schools. Those two schools alone had upwards of 3,000 students.

Eugene McFarland was single at the time he came to Central, and spent countless hours developing a relationship with the youth, and soon became affectionately know by everyone in the church simply as "Brother Mac". While at Central, Brother Mac married Esterbelle Robbins, who was also a graduate of M. B. C. Their wedding was held in the Christian Church in Belleville, Kansas on June 5, 1948. Several carloads of members from Central drove to Belleville to attend the wedding. On September 9, 1949, "Brother Mac" left Central in order to continue his education in the Seminary at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. At that same time he also began a ministry with the Stilesville, Indiana Christian Church, where he served while in seminary. After his graduation he returned to serve again on the staff at Central Christian in Kansas City in February of 1954. Two years later, on April 5, 1956, he left Central to begin a ministry with the Barry Christian Church, in Barry, Missouri, where he continued to serve faithfully for the next 25 years.

ASSISTANT MINISTERS AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN IN KANSAS CITY
FROM 1947 - 1956.

Eugene & Esterbelle McFarland - 1st Ministry - January 1, 1947 - August 15, 1949
Robert & Ione Dunn - September 1, 1949 - April 30, 1951
Don Yates - May 6, 1951 - August 31, 1952
Unknown - September 1, 1952 to February 1, 1954
Eugene & Esterbelle McFarland - 2nd Ministry - February 7, 1954 - April 5, 1956
Unknown - April 12, 1956, until the Hall's left on December 31, 1956

Eugene "Mac" & Esterbelle McFarland
1993

The McFarland Family - 1955
(L-R) Esterbelle - Kim - Pam - Tim - Mac

During the first few years in the new location on Linwood Boulevard, from about 1948-1954, several young men and women from Central Christian made the decision to go into some area of Christian service. Some, but not all, attended Manhattan Bible College and some graduated from the College.

The following is a list in alphabetical order, according to my best memory, of those who made that commitment:

1. Benton, Virginia
2. Davidson, Jewell
3. George, Walter (* September 27, 1953)
4. Gish, Evelyn (Mrs. Robert Winger)
5. Haddock, Laverl (Mrs. Walter George)
6. Haddock, Lavonda (Mrs. Neil Pointer)
7. Koza, Richard
8. Lear, Emil (* June 26, 1949)
9. Lindell, Frieda (Mrs. Fred Paxton / Mrs. Newell Hall)
10. Sample, Edgar (Ordained at Christian Church, Peabody, Kansas, June 18, 1961)
11. Sells, Ralph & Berneice
12. Thompson, Bob & Gloria
13. Tucker, Dorothy (Mrs. John Boaz)
14. Webb, Mary (Mrs. Don Young)
15. Winger, Robert (* May 29, 1949)
16. Young, Donald (* July 29, 1951)

(*) Indicates those who were ordained at Central Christian during Newell's ministry.

PART V

SPECIAL EVENTS - 1945 ❖ 1953 - AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN DURING NEWELL HALL'S MINISTRY

The following is a chronological listing of the special church events which Mrs. J. W. Webb put in a scrapbook she had been asked to make for Central Christian Church. The scrapbook became a collection of bulletins, newspaper articles, photographs and articles from "The Central Christian" newsletter, which she collected after the church moved to Linwood Boulevard. The first event was on May 29, 1949, and her last entry was on September 27, 1953.

In September of 1953, Mrs. Webb made an index to her scrapbook and wrote the following:

"This is my first written report of the history of Central Christian Church since I was given the duty of compiling news items of events which will become the history of Central Christian. I have put the following items in the notebook:

1. ORDINATION OF ROBERT WINGER - Bulletin, 8X10 photo of him with his family, elders, and congregation. May 29, 1949.
2. ORDINATION OF EMIL LEAR - Pictures of him and his family. - June 26, 1949.
3. "60TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE OF CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 1889 - 1949" - During the week different special events were scheduled for every day. They sought to recreate events as they might have been in 1889, in old fashioned clothing worn by men and women, messages delivered, music played on a pump organ, and other activities. It was a week filled with much interest and participation. Sixteen pages in the scrapbook contained mementoes, photos and

articles. The names and addresses of over 120 former members were sent letters of invitation to attend the events. Observed October 9-16, 1949

4. MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET -Pictures of four generations of daughters. May 11, 1950.
5. FATHER AND SON BANQUET - Program - June 9, 1950
6. "ORGAN MEMORIAL SERVICE" - "For service men and women from Central who served in World War II."- October 22, 1950
7. YOUTH REVIVAL - News articles with pictures of David Cone and Don Yates. October 29 - November 12, 1950
8. GROUNDBREAKING THRU DEDICATION OF CRYSLER AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, program, news items and pictures. November 5, 1950 - February 15, 1951
9. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM - December 17, 1950
10. SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM December 22, 1950.
11. NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCH SERVICE - Program of Consecration. December 31, 1950
12. REVIVAL AND DEDICATION OF CRYSLER AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH Program, news items and pictures - February 18, 1951
13. HISTORY OF NEW PARSONAGE CONSTRUCTION - Located at 3200 Mersington - January 8, 1951
14. PARSONAGE CONSTRUCTION - Pictures of the beginning of construction and as it proceeded - January 1951 - May 1951
15. DEDICATION OF THE PARSONAGE - Program, news items and pictures May 20, 1951
16. CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR YOUTH BANQUET - Program and news items February 2, 1951
17. "CRUCIFIXION" - Presented by the choir members - Bulletin. March 18, 1951
18. SACRIFICIAL LUNCHEON - Program - March 20, 1951
19. ORDINATION OF DONALD YOUNG - Worship Bulletin and pictures of him and his family. - July 9, 1951.
20. L. O. LEAT CAMPAIGN - Program and pictures - October 17, 1951
21. MINISTER'S DINNER AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN - Pictures of ministers from Christian Churches in K. C. - November 11, 1951
22. NEW HAMMOND ORGAN DEDICATION - Program and news items. - "Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Martin gave the organ in memory of their son, Leonard, who died in the service of his country." - December 30, 1951

(Editor's note: When Mrs. Webb wrote the index, the list only included 22 items she had put in the scrapbook. However, in 1993 when I acquired the scrapbook, there were 36 additional documents pasted in the scrapbook that were not included in her list. I have identified these thirty-six items below in their chronological order.)

1. BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BEGINNING OF CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH FROM 1889 TO 1913.
2. SPECIAL EDITION OF "CENTRAL CHRISTIAN" NEWSLETTER - Printed to welcome Newell Hall's Family to Central Christian Church and Kansas City.
3. LET US RISE UP AND BUILD - Booklet, with architectural drawing of the new church, with a challenge for the members to give to the Building Fund for the new Church building. Printed in 1945
4. SALE OF CHURCH BUILDING ON WABASH - Sold to Morning Star Baptist Church.

5. GROUND-BREAKING - Service Worship Bulletin - David Owen, Speaker - 10-14-1945
6. CORNERSTONE LAYING - Worship Bulletin - April 7, 1946
7. MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH - Photo and article about their congregation walking one mile from their old church to their new location at the Central Christian Church building at 27th and Wabash - July 7, 1946
8. DEDICATION DAY - Program Booklet - photo and remarks - June 8, 1947
9. "FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION" - The church observed the 5th Anniversary of Newell Hall's coming to Central Christian Church. - Program of morning and evening worship services - August 1, 1948.
   Church Staff listed in the program on August 1, 1948:
   Eugene McFarland, Assistant Minister
   Miss Frieda Lindell, Church Secretary
   Miss Pearl Voepel, Church Organist
   Mrs. N. M. Staple, Assistant Organist
   Dr. Francis Buebendorf, Choir Master
10. L. O. LEAT STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM CRUSADE
    September 22 - October 3, 1948
11. EASTER SUNDAY - Worship Service Bulletin - April 17, 1949
12. DAVID OWEN DAY - Observance by all 55 Christian Churches in the Greater Kansas City area celebrating his service as the Executive Secretary for the Christian Church Commission in Kansas City- with oversight responsibilities for all the churches since 1944 - October 9, 1949
13. CRUSADING FOR CHRIST REVIVAL - Newell Hall was the evangelist and he invited Virgil and Blanche Brock, who were nationally known musician and hymn writers, to lead the music for the two weeks. The Brocks are the authors of more than two dozen hymns, including "Beyond the Sunset", "He's A Wonderful Savior to Me" and "Sing and Smile and Pray". - November 20 - December 4, 1949
14. EASTER SERVICES - Two identical worship services were held. - April 9, 1950
15. FURNACE EXPLOSIONS - Report of two furnace explosions at the church on December 2 and December 10, 1950.
16. EASTER SERVICES - Bulletin announcing 38 members were added during Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The attendance figures on Easter Sunday were as follow: Sunrise Service - 185, 8:15 AM worship service - 380, Sunday School - 578, 10:45 AM worship - 466, Christian Endeavor - 55 and for the evening worship -126. The aggregate attendance for Easter was 1,790 - March 25, 1951.
17. MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. HAROLD LEE BLACKBURN, SR. - Memorial Service folder. Brother Blackburn had served the congregation for the last two and one-half years. - September 11, 1961
18. THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG - Presented by the Church Choir" - December 16, 1951
19. BOARD AND COMMITTEES LISTING - Printed in the December 1951 church newsletter for those serving in 1952.
20. WEEK-END FOR CHRIST - A three day Evangelistic Service for the youth of Central. Lead by Ralph Hamon, Evangelist, and Don Yates, the Assistant Minister leading the Music. - February 8-10, 1952
21. PALM SUNDAY - Special Musical presentation of the Crucifixion. - April 6, 1952
22. GROUND-BREAKING SERVICE for CHEROKEE CHRISTIAN CHURCH - in Prairie Village, Kansas. Sponsored by Central Christian and other Kansas City Christian churches. - September - 1952
23. NEWELL HALL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN MINISTERS ASSOCIATION Of GREAT KANSAS CITY - August 9, 1952

24. INSTALLATION OF O. RAY BURGESS AS PRESIDENT OF MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - By Newell Hall - Alumnus and on Board of Trustees.
25. A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING - Observed in the United States, Canada, and Hawaii and Canal Zone in 2,729 locations to recognize the completion of the "REVISED STANDARD VERSION" of the Holy Bible.
Tuesday, September 30, 1952
26. RESTORATION RALLY - Professor Jim Carr, from Manhattan Bible College, lectured for five nights on the History of the Christian Church and the reason for the existence of our Brotherhood. - November 5-9, 1952
27. LIVING LINK MISSIONARY - Mrs. Franklin White in India. Article in Central Newsletter. - November 10, 1952
28. CENTRAL BUYS LAND TO PROVIDE PARKING - The Church had just recently purchased land across the street on the southwest corner of Linwood and Cleveland, from the Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church for $6,000.00, to provide additional off-street parking. This property was adjacent to Central Junior High School. - Exact purchase date in 1952 unknown.
29. CHURCH BUDGET & OFFICERS FOR 1953-1954 - Detailed break down for all expenses. $11,200.00 allocated for all the church employees, Minister, Choir Director, Custodian, Organist, Secretary and Nursery listed at $11,230.00 All other local church expenses equaled $14,200.00 for a sub-total of $25,430.00. However, the following items increased their budget to a grand total of $43,643.00: Pension Fund payment - $500.00, Missionary Fund - 10% - $2,543.00, Christian Church Commission Fund - $500.00, Building Loan Retirement Fund (Church and Parsonage) - $8,160.00 and Grading and paving the Parking Lot - $2,300.00.
December 1952
30. THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG - A presentation by the choir and members of the church. - December 21, 1952
31. PRE-EASTER EVANGELISTIC SERVICES - Newell Hall will be preaching the pre-Easter Revival and Davie and Barbara Barger, from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma will be the Song Evangelists. - March 5 - April 5, 1953
32. PALM SUNDAY - Worship Bulletin - May 29, 1953
33. EASTER SUNDAY - Bulletins and Newsletter article. The newsletter reported the attendance on Easter Sunday was 180 for the Sunrise Service, 418 for the 8:00 A.M. Service, 680 for Bible School, 470 for the 10:40 A.M. Service, 124 for Evening Worship and 37 for Christian Endeavor, for an aggregate total of 1,909 for the day. The newsletter also reported on the special offering needed, of $6,500.00, to pay off the mortgage, grade and pave the new parking lot. April 5, 1953.
34. THE HIRAM ELLIOTT BUILDING - Dedication Service for the Mexican Christian Church Educational Building. - May 3, 1953
35. CHURCH TO HONOR PASTOR" - From the "Kansas City Star". "Tomorrow the Central Christian Church will observe the tenth anniversary of the Rev. M. Newell Hall" ..... "He is active in city, state and national branches of Disciples of Christ and inter-denominational work. He is publicity chairman of the national Evangelistic Association, a director of the Manhattan Bible College and a member of the state Christian board. For several years he was a director of the Mexican Mission board and last year was president of the Christian Ministerial Alliance of greater Kansas City."
July 31, 1953
36. THE GOSPELAIRES - An evening worship service at Central featuring a singing group of young people touring churches to raise fund to help some of their group attend Manhattan Bible College. September 27, 1953

The above collection brings to a close all of the items pasted in the scrapbook. At the time I came into possession of the scrapbook, there were several more items that were placed loosely in the scrapbook. Listed in chronological order they are:

Obituary for Rev. Harold Lee Blackburn, Sr. - He had served as minister at Central for the last two and one-half years and died on September 11, 1961
Central Christian Church Worship Bulletin - March 17, 1963 - Rev. Carl Hall, Minister
Central Christian Church Worship Bulletin - July 28, 1963
Central Christian Church Worship Bulletin - September 29, 1963
"The Central Christian" Weekly Newsletter - June 19, 1963
"The Central Christian" Weekly Newsletter - July 10, 1963
"The Central Christian" Weekly Newsletter - July 17, 1963
"The Central Christian" Weekly Newsletter - December 16, 1964
"The Central Christian" Weekly Newsletter - December 23, 1964
"The Central Christian" Weekly Newsletter - December 30, 1964
This was Rev. Carl Hall's last Sunday at Central Christian. In this issue it was reported that James L. Blair, who was the minister of the Benton Boulevard Christian Church (a black congregation) would become the new minister at Central on January 3, 1965. The Benton Boulevard Christian Church would move their entire congregation to the Central Christian Church building and join with the members of Central.
Worship Bulletin - January 3, 1965 - Rev. James L. Blair, Minister
Central Christian Worship Bulletin - March 19, 1989 - Rev. Deloris A. Turner, Pastor

On June 27, 1954, Newell entered the last person's name on the last page of his JOURNAL #1. He then started JOURNAL #2 on July 1, 1954. His last entry on December 29, 1956, as he left Central, recorded member #2,015. In his twenty-four year ministry, from December 1930 until December 29, 1954, he had recorded the names of 2,015 individuals he had baptized or received into membership. While at the Wabash location, for three and one-half years, he received 208 members. At the Linwood location, 1,455 members were added. During his thirteen and one-half years at Central Christian he received into membership a total of 1,663 individuals.

At the close of Newell's ministry, on the front page of the Central Christian weekly newsletter dated December 7, 1956, Newell listed a statistical summary of the activities which he had accomplished during the years as minister at Central.

8,825..... Pastoral and Evangelistic calls
1,197..... Sermons Preached
3,404..... Meetings Attended in the Interest of Central
562..... Study Lessons presented
1,455..... Hospital Calls
268 .....Special Messages presented
341..... Funerals
336..... Weddings
68..... Installation Services presented
20..... Life Recruits to Christian Ministries
766..... Additions to Central by Baptism
897.....Additions to Central by Statement
1,663..... TOTAL MEMBERS ADDED

THIS HIS HAS BEEN A LABOR OF LOVE (Signed) Newell M. Hall, Minister

UPDATE ON CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1964 ❖ 2015

In 1964 there developed a vision for the Benton Boulevard Christian church and the Central Christian Church to join together. On July 14, 1964, Rev. James L Blair from Cleveland, Ohio, became the new pastor of Benton Boulevard Christian Church.

Soon after his arrival, a proposal was made for the Benton Boulevard Christian Church to purchase the Central Christian Church building and properties on Linwood Boulevard and to invite the members of both churches to unite and become one congregation. A sincere and intense debate ensued. However by December 16, 1964, both church groups had come to an agreement.

Benton Boulevard Christian Church was granted a $40,000 loan from the Board of Church Extension to buy the Central Christian Church property. When the Benton Boulevard Christian Church took possession, they continued their ministry under the name of "Central Christian". Several Anglo-Saxon American members of the original Central Christian Church stayed on to join the Benton Boulevard membership and to continue the joint mission.

James Blair became its first African-American pastor and marked the transfer of Central Christian Church leadership from Anglo-Saxon American Disciples to African-American Disciples of Christ. In 1971 Rev. Blair left Central and moved into a leadership role in other special ministries in metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri.

Claude Walker was called from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to succeed Brother Blair. During Rev. Walker's leadership the congregation became immersed in the struggle to find adequate resources to meet operational expenses and mortgage payments. Pastor Walker resigned and moved to Texas.

Rev. Sere S. Myers of Kansas City, Missouri, a proven minister of more than 40 years, was called to Central as interim minister. In November 1976, the congregation was motivated to make a $4,000 payment on the mortgage, and the congregation became spiritually invigorated. However, in response to a request by Rev. Myers, the Board of Church Extension refused to write off the interest due on the loan but agreed to categorize the balance due as "interest-free". Rev. Myers then spurred Central Christian to contribute $11,800 on the balance during the years 1976 and 1977 .

Rev. Norman Fiddmont followed Rev. Meyers in November 1977. Early in his two year ministry the mortgage was paid off. When Pastor Fiddmont's left Central several short term interim ministries were conducted.

Rev. Dolores A. Turner was called from Indiana, in October 1988, to become Central's senior minister. In 1989, the church celebrated their 100th Anniversary, and under her leadership the congregation was poised to lead Central Christian into a second century of mission.

PART VI
NEWELL HALL - 1957 ❖ 1975 - THE CHANGING YEARS

After Christmas, in December of 1956, Newell concluded his ministry at Central Christian. Their family, except for Robert, moved to Vincennes, Indiana, and on January 1, 1957, he began his ministry with the First Christian Church. Newell, Mona, Marilyn and Mona Marie all transferred their membership to the church on January 6, 1957. Newell served the Vincennes congregation for a four and one-half year ministry until April 2, 1961.

The Hall family, Newell & Mona, Marilyn and Mona Marie, moved from Vincennes, Indiana, to Dallas, Texas, where Newell accepted a call to serve with the Mount Auburn Christian Church, which was established in 1919 in the inner city of Dallas. His ministry with Mt. Auburn Christian Church began on April 9, 1961.

(L-R)
Marilyn Pearl Hall Newell Martin Hall - Mona Flavil Hall
January 1, 1966 - Dallas, Texas

Eleven years later, on March 12, 1972, under Newell's leadership, the Mount Auburn Christian Church moved from their inner-city location, to unite with the Town East Christian Church in Mesquite, a suburb located in southeast Dallas. Town East Christian Church was organized in 1963. From this union a new church was born - the Eastridge Park Christian Church, located at 2701 Town East Boulevard, where Newell served as minister for four more years.

It was during this 14 ½ year ministry that Mona, who had suffered for 18 years with cancer, passed away on August 27, 1975, and was buried at Grove Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Mona was born August 1, 1910 and married Newell on June 3, 1934. Newell and Mona had just recently, on June 3, 1975, celebrated their forty-first wedding anniversary.

On May 7, 1976, Newell at age 69, retired from the Eastridge Christian Church. His service of fifteen years at Mount Auburn / Eastridge Park Christian Church, was his longest ministry during his eventual 73 years in the ministry. During his last week he wrote in the church newsletter: "I will remain with you as one who serves, I will work with your new minister, Dan Carroll, in every way he wants me to be of service. I will have a brief message for you this Sunday, on "The Minister and His Flock", which will be my final message for the present. "MAY GOD BLESS YOU". (Signed - Newell M. Hall) Visiting with Newell that week were his daughters. Marilyn Hall, 624 Madison, Corsicana, Texas and Mrs. Fred Moore, Jr. (Mona Marie) and her daughters.

PART VII
NEWELL HALL - 1976 ❖ 2004 - THE RETIREMENT YEARS

However, after retiring from the active full-time ministry Newell continued to serve, as needed, several congregations as their interim minister. His first interim ministry was from October 1976 until March 1977, with the Founders Christian Church in Longview, Texas.

In 1977, he decided to keep his home in the metropolitan Dallas area, and rent it out, and move to a new location. He chose an ideal spot on Lake Tawakonie, fifty-three miles east of Dallas and eleven miles north from the town of Wills Point, Texas. At that time Wills Point had a population of 2,500.

He then went back to McCool Junction, his childhood home, and began to dismantle the barn on his family's old farm homestead. Newell was always a very handy man and he wanted to use the lumber from the old barn to build his retirement home at Lake Tawakonie.

On April 16, 1977, Newell married Frieda (Lindell) Paxton in Osceola, Iowa. They had known each other since 1948, when she served as Newell's secretary at Central Christian in Kansas City, Missouri for nine months, before she enrolled at Manhattan Bible College.

Frieda and Newell Hall - 2002

Newell and Frieda immediately moved into his home in Dallas. During the week Newell and Frieda would go to the Lake to build their home. They moved into their new home in the fall of 1977. On December 1, 1977, he began an extended interim ministry of about four years with First Christian Church in Kaufman, Texas that continued until May 1981.

In 1990, at age 83, Newell was called to be the minister of the Christian Church in Wills Point, Texas. On March 24, 1991, Newell and Frieda placed their membership with the Wills Point Christian Church, which became their church home. On March 24, 1991, Newell made his last two entries in his JOURNAL#2. They were Member #2798 who was baptized and Member #2799 who transferred her membership. A remarkable life-time record!

Six years later, in 1997, Newell suffered a heart attack, but continued to preach and serve part-time at the Wills Point congregation. Then, in 2002, he suffered a stroke, which prevented him physically from continuing to assist at the church - even though his speech was not affected. On June 9, 2004, at age 96, Newell passed away at his home, and went to be with the Lord he had so faithfully served. He and Frieda had been married for 27 years. Newell was laid to rest beside Mona at the Grove Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Newell's ministry and preaching career lasted for 73 years, from 1930 until 2003.

Newell was associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for his entire ministry. He championed conservative causes and was a leader in many National Church organizations. He was involved for a period in a prison ministry and was a life-time member of both the Masonic Lodge and Scottish Rite.

Newell's Memorial Service was held at the Wills Point Christian Church. Three ministers were invited to officiate. They were Rev. Chuck Schorlemmer, Dr. Philip Chacko and Rev. Dan Carroll. In Rev. Carroll's remark, he said "How thankful we are to God that he was able to be a Disciple minister for 73 years. He never really retired from the ministry. He just changed locations. Indeed he was a minister . What I appreciated and respected about Brother Hall was the fact that he was a minister with convictions. He not only preached, he practiced what he preached in his daily life. I remember him standing up in the General Assembly in San Antonio and voicing his opinion on an issue before the assembly that he strongly disagreed with and everyone discovered why he did. He was a great teacher, a man of the pulpit, and he was a great pastor. He was there when his church members needed him, he visited, he counseled, he was there, he went wherever the need. His kind of pastoral care is becoming a lost art as churches today become more concerned about how big they can become instead of how faithful they will be. So we gather to celebrate 73 years of ministry by a man who loved God, was faithful in preaching the Scriptures and was an example by which we all could model our lives."

Frieda continued to live at their Lakeside home for nine more years. In June of 2013, she moved back to Osceola, Iowa to be near her daughter's family, Sharon and Jeff Jones, who live near Osceola.

PART VIII
NEWELL'S ❖ JUNE 9, 2004 ❖ HIS REWARD

Newell's lifetime of ministry can best be summed up in these words of Scripture:

"BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND
I WILL GIVE YOU A CROWN OF LIFE"
REVELATION 2:10

"WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITH SERVANT ...
ENTER INTO THE JOY OF YOUR LORD" MATTHEW 25:23

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❖ POSTSCRIPTS ❖

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POSTSCRIPT #1
HISTORY BY MONA FLAVIL WHITEMORE HALL
BORN AUGUST 1, 1910
1910 ❖ 1975

THE FOLLOWING IS THE REMAINDER OF THE TEXT COPIED FROM THE EARLY HISTORY OF MONA FLAVIL WHITEMORE HALL AND NEWELL MARTIN HALL, HANDWRITTEN BY MONA IN 1951.

"My neighbor girls, cousins of Newell, told me, that the Will Hall family were moving to McCool, Nebraska and were building a new home and running the garage in McCool. I attended the United Brethren Church the first morning they came to church and saw the two boys, Huber and Newell, dressed in their red sweaters. I loved to stay at my girlfriends home across the street from where the Halls were building their new home. Occasionally I would get to see these new boys, across the street, as they helped their dad. Then I got to meet Newell at my aunt Minnies's, at a home wedding, when Newell's cousin married my cousin.

Soon Newell and Huber decided to come to the Methodist Church where I attended. I played the cello in the Sunday School orchestra, and he brought his saxophone and joined our orchestra. Once he asked me to go ice skating, at my cousins, on the Blue River, where a group of young people were gathering, but my parents said "no". The fall of my senior year in High School Newell ask to take me home from Epworth league. My parents said he could and from then on we dated.

At one time we split up and Newell dated my girlfriend. My sister and I drove out to see my girl friend on Sunday evening and Newell was there. He sat down on the wood pile and played Ramona on the mouth harp. That melted my heart and I was ready to make up again.

After High School graduation in the spring of 1928 I enrolled in York College that Fall. In January 1929, Newell had sold his corn crop and decided to go into the ministry. He had this in mind since he was a little boy. He used to get on a soapbox and preach to his younger brother. He enrolled in Manhattan Bible college, at Manhattan, Kansas. The boys soon took him down and shaved off his long sideburns. In a month or so, he drove nearly 100 miles one Saturday, till he found a church that needed a student preacher. He found one at Mayview, Kansas and they had him come each Sunday for the offering.

Newell was not able to finish High School. He needed to stay home and help plant and harvest crops on the family farm. Because of this it took Newell five years at Manhattan Bible College to complete his four years of High School and four years of college courses. He worked summers on the farm to pay his own way, plus what the small rural church could pay him.

I taught in my Home School, district 24, the next two years. I remember Newell and one of his classmates drove to Nebraska to attend a box supper, I was having. When the young men found out which box was the teachers' and found a young man by the name of Newell bidding on it, they kept running up the bids to $5.00 dollars for the box. I knew Newell didn't have much money and I was distressed they would keep bidding against him. Newell finally got my box and paid the five dollars.

I remember another time while he was in college, I wasn't writing often enough, so he decided to call me long distance. Again he didn't have much money, so he asked Central to tell him when his 3 minutes was up. Central failed to tell him, and when he got the bill it was three or four dollars. That was more than he could afford and was he ever angry with Central. He went through college without any financial help from his folks. His mother did wash and iron his shirts each week, as he sent them home.

Newell took his Bible courses in Manhattan Bible College and his science courses at Kansas State College. The last of May in 1934, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Manhattan Bible College - graduating as one of the top students scholastically. His parents, my sister and I drove down for the graduation. Going back we were accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Thomas and J. D. Harlan his roommate. "Wedding bells" were breaking up the old gang. Newell and I had set the date of June 3, 1934 for our wedding day, right after his college graduation. We were married in the Methodist Church at McCool, Nebraska on Sunday at 3 P.M. in a formal ceremony. The church was filled. Rev. Cecil Thomas his classmate married us, and Rev. J. D Harden, another classmate was best man. My sister was my maid-of-honor. My folks had the wedding reception in their home at McCool.

Newell and I left after the ceremony for our honeymoon in Colorado. We got to Fairmont, and Newell remembered he had forgotten our Bible with the marriage certificate filled out, so he called back home, and had one of our friends bring it to us. We spent a week in Estes Park and the Denver area. Coming down a mountain we knocked a hole in the oil pan with a boulder and had to have the car repaired. Saturday we drove to Lincoln Center, Kansas, which was Newell's student charge. This was to be his last Sunday with the church as he had secured a full time pastorate at LeRoy, Kansas. That noon they had a Congregational dinner and shower for us, and gave us a beautiful quilt the ladies had pieced and quilted. Newell had spent much time talking with me about immersion, all during our courtship. I had been sprinkled in the Methodist Church where I confessed Christ at 12 years old. So that is why I tell that my husband baptized me on our honeymoon! I think he worried about taking a Methodist bride, to his new assignment, at the First Christian Church at LeRoy Kansas, the next Sunday.

From Lincoln, Kansas, we drove back to McCool on Monday. We were given an old-fashioned chivaree. They pulled us in a wagon behind the car. They took us to town and drove in front of the bankers home, and he turned the hose on us! That week we packed all our wedding gifts, clothes, and my bedroom suite, in Daddy's wagon, with rubber tires. We left the last of the week for our first home at LeRoy, Kansas. The parsonage was just a few years old, and we were really proud of it. The community gave us a wedding shower and a pound shower of food. The big gift was a rocker, which we have cherished all these years. Our church there must have had 250-300 members. Our Sunday school ran around 150. Newell had his office in an upstairs room at the parsonage. We were on a salary of $10.50 a week. Our first grocery bill was $3.50, including a broom. Newell had time to get sermons, call on the sick and prospects, have a garden and do a lot of fishing in the Neosho River. I had used some of my teaching money at Lincoln, Kansas, to select a new dining room set and a new rug, which they shipped to Leroy. While there we bought a piano for $100. Our first washing we did in a washtub and that was enough for me. In about four weeks, I became real homesick and so on Monday Newell took me back to McCool to see my folks. As we came back to Leroy we stopped in Topeka, Kansas and I bought my first washing machine (a second handed one, but a good one.) I will never forget the God's Acre Sales that First Christian put on each Fall. The merchants were all asked to donate something, the farmers and townspeople all furnished things, then it was sold on Saturday on the church lawn. Occasionally the treasury got low, and on several occasions the chairman of the board wrote us his own personal check.

In August we were really thrilled when my sister Hester entered a contest in Lincoln, Nebraska and won the audition over 80 contestants and was sent to the World's Fair in Chicago as her prize. She was too young to go alone, so my parents were asked to accompany her. After their trip to Chicago, they drove to LeRoy to visit us! We also had the privilege of the LeRoy Church being Jesse Bader's home church. Jesse was Secretary of the world Council of Churches, and Secretary for the World Convention for many years. His mother was a member of our church, and Jesse preached in our church, when he visited his parents.

After we had been in LeRoy about 18 months our M.B.C. classmates, Jim and Dorothy Carr, who were preaching about 30 or 40 miles northwest of us at Hartford, Kansas, asked us if we were ready to go on to Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma and do graduate work. Newell wrote Phillips and found they needed a pastor at Waldron, Kansas. We wrote them, and they asked us to preach for them on Sunday. We started out, and the car broke down, just before we got to Wichita, Kansas. Newell was almost in tears, because we really couldn't afford to pay for car repairs. They repaired the car Saturday evening and we drove into Waldron on Sunday morning just in time for Sunday school. Newell preached, they liked him, and hired him immediately. We drove into Enid, rented the house, and then drove back to LeRoy. We turned in our resignation, told Rev. and Mrs. Carr we were ready to go to graduate work. So they resigned at their church, and they hired a truck to pick up their furniture, and then the truck came and picked up our furniture and we moved to Enid. We drove in our car, and Mrs. Carr

sat in the front seat with Newell and I, and we had Rev. Carr sit in the back, with my cello, and all my boxes of crystal and china. The Carrs hadn't selected an apartment yet, so they moved in our house for the first week, until they found an apartment.

Newell started work on his Master's degree in January of 1936. We moved in a two-bedroom house, next to our family, M.H. Groves, and on the corner, the wife of former State Secretary of Oklahoma Christian Churches, and their preacher son and family.

On Saturday afternoon we would drive about 65 miles to Waldron, Kansas and stay in the homes of members. We made some wonderful friends, by having to stay in their homes. They paid us $14.50 a week, so our salary was going up. That summer, Newell held an open-air revival, we played the cello and saxophone in the church orchestra. I can remember hearing Newell and one of the members (which had belonged to the Church of Christ) argue about the use of musical instruments in the church. Newell went down to the barn to watch them milk cows on Sunday night, before we went to church. The wind was in the right direction and I could hear them discussing it. Finally Scott Villines said "Well if you want to toot yourself into heaven, just go ahead." (Note from Bob Hall: Dad played a C melody saxaphone.)

Newell taught in the Sunflower Conference that year. I attended classes. They asked me to make a speech at the Banquet Thursday night. I got so nervous, that I spent the next day in bed, vomiting! The teachers asked Newell if it always made me sick, when I made talks, then he told them we were looking for a new baby at Christmas. In fact, the four of our college friends were expecting, the Carrs in September, Lindsleys in October, another couple in November and our baby in December. The ladies at Waldron had a shower for us and Grandpa and Grandma Whitemore sent a baby bed, basket, baby clothes. Our baby was born Monday, December 21, 1936, at Baptist Hospital in Enid, and we named him Robert William Hall. We named him after one of my favorite pupils in school, and our Dr's name was Dr. Roberts. Newell called home, and everyone was excited about the new boy. Mother left the next day by bus for Enid. Mother put a Christmas tree on my dresser, and put our gifts on the tree. The Carolers came and sang carols. Newell and mother came and visited me at the hospital on Christmas Day. In the early fall of 1937 we had moved to another house in the block, which was smaller, and only cost eight dollars a month rent. Newell painted it, and papered it before we moved in, in September. Here we had a big garden and a peach tree which was loaded with peaches.

Newell received his Masters degree in June of 1937. His was the first student's name to be called and he was the first person to receive a diploma from the new President Dr. Eugene Stephen Briggs. We had a wonderful fellowship with other students in Phillips. We were all poor, and so the wives would decide on soup suppers, waffle suppers, picnics, wiener roasts, for our social life. (Joke) We had a waffle supper one night at one of our friends and he went out and watched the meter go around, much to our embarrassment. While Newell was in Phillips Mona was elected President of Zelonta (The ministers wives) - which was a real honor.

While in Phillips Newell was asked to do substitute teaching for C. C. Taylor, who was ill. Newell would push him to class in a wheelchair, then teach his class. One class "The Philosophy of Jesus" was taught by Ralph Nelson, who lived two doors east of us. Dr. Nelson had written the book himself. I guess he hadn't checked thru to well on what the Bible said on this subject, because the class that Semester became an argument between Newell and Dr. Nelson. When Newell saw it didn't coincide with the Bible, he would call him on it. The rest of the students sat and listened to the two talk. When the report cards came out, Newell received superior rating in the course and the rest barely passed. They asked the professor why, and he said because Newell had studied and was able to answer him, and the rest didn't even try.

When Newell wrote his thesis, he had the librarian, a maiden lady, type his thesis. He went over one evening to check on how Miss Kitchen was getting along on the thesis. When he came home, I noticed he had a hold in the seat of his pants. I said, oh did you know you were over to Miss Kitchens and you had a hole in the seat of your pants, and he answered "Oh my, I should've backed in, so she wouldn't have seen it!

In June 1938, Newell received his bachelor of Divinity degree. The teachers sat in the pupils seats, and the students sat at the teachers desk. At this time the teachers can ask any question over your eight years of Bible study. Here again, he stood among the top of the class, being able to answer all questions over the eight years. After graduation we felt we must find a church that could pay us more money. We made a trip over into Missouri

and tried out at Aurora, Missouri on Sunday, and then found the Baxter Springs, Kansas church was without a minister. Rev. and Mrs. Carr our friends, were serving First Christian church in Joplin, Missouri. They told us about the Baxter Springs church. We drove there, were interviewed by the committee, and hired.

We hated to tell the Waldron church, because even though they couldn't pay much, they had sent in milk, eggs, cream, chicken and food of all kinds, almost every Sunday. We finally got up nerve to tell them and they couldn't understand why we wanted to move. The last Sunday there, our tenor soloist sang "Someday We Will Understand". The soloist was one of our dearest friends. Newell started preaching and before he had finished, he had broken down completely. It was hard to break ties, but we knew we must.

We arrived the last of June in Baxter. They didn't have a parsonage, so they rented a house on 66 Highway temporarily for us. We lived there a month, then rented a house on Lincoln Street. Here our second child, Marilyn Pearle Hall, was born on June 8, 1940. My sister Hester came and stayed two months, and helped take care of the baby. We took her to church when she was two weeks old. Marilyn was born on Saturday morning, so that evening Newell went to the church to run off the bulletins and put the birth announcement in at the same time. The ladies had a baby shower for Marilyn.

Our Church in Baxter Springs had over 500 members, and we made good progress there. Our salary was now $30 a week. Newell bought a new suit soon after we arrived, as our salary had doubled from what it was in Waldron. While here we were able to pay off the indebtedness and burn the mortgage in a big ceremony. In October 1942, the church bought us a brick bungalow, for our new parsonage. It had a basement and a furnace. What a thrill! This was our first furnace and we all enjoyed it. When Marilyn would come in the house, she would first take off her shoes and then her bonnet. An open house was held on January 1, 1943. Newell was active in the civic affairs of Baxter Springs. The church here served penney dinners, a penny for a spoonful of food, that is. Whenever the Christian church put on a dinner, all the churches would come, and buy. The ladies asked me if I would like to take the turkey bones home and I said "yes". I boiled those bones and made up enough vegetable soup for all week! After that Newell told the ladies not to send any more turkey bones home! In Baxter Springs Mona was President of the Council of Church Women. Newell held many revivals for the country churches around Baxter Springs.

After five years at Baxter Springs, Newell made application for the Central Christian Church in Kansas City Missouri. We drove to Kansas City and met with the committee, and they wanted us. They gave us a call soon after that meeting. We moved to Kansas City, July 28, 1943. We moved in the Westside Christian Church parsonage, until Central could buy one. Central had a reception and program for us soon after we arrived. Rev. Stacy from Jackson Avenue Christian Church came over to give the speech of welcoming, on the first Sunday we were at Central. In a month they had bought a parsonage and we moved down on Lockridge Street. Now we had a church with 1,100 members and were being paid $50 a week. In a year or so one of the elders suggested paying us $75 a week, or as much as truck drivers were getting. We were indeed thrilled! It was here at the old Central Church building which had a beautiful sanctuary, with indirect lighting, that when Newell gave the invitation one Sunday morning that Robert made his way down the aisle to make the Good Confession of Faith.

The members told us they were in a changing community and they wanted us to lead them in a building program. With assistance from Indianapolis, we chose a location 20 blocks away, and sold our old building to the Baptists. In November 1945, we had groundbreaking services. On November 23, 1945, our third child, Mona Maria Hall, was born at St. Luke's Hospital - which overlooks the beautiful Plaza area of Kansas City. The ladies of Central gave us a shower for Mona Marie. We took her to church when she was one or two months old.

By the Spring and Summer of 1946 we were starting to meet in the basement of the new church. We had a four-week revival there that fall, led by the Charles Jupin team. We had a heating stove in the back. I took Mona Marie every night and kept her in the buggy. The last night of the meeting, Marilyn said "I am going forward". I handed Mona Marie to one of the ladies and followed Marilyn to the front. By Christmas we were able to move in the sanctuary and use chairs. We built this church during war years, and every time the committee met, the cost had gone up. We didn't have money to get the roof on that Fall, and then they called a meeting and made a plea and 60 people pledged to give a double tithe until the roof was on. The builders dreaded to see the preacher come and check on things, because as he heard them say, "Here comes the preacher, now I got to go to work." Dedication day was a highlight with Dr. Bob Myers the speaker.

Here the boys were just coming home from war, and they were marrying the girls they left behind. We had so many weddings in the new church. Here 1,600 people came down the aisles. One year alone, Central was 3rd in the state and 2nd in the city in additions. Eighteen young people went into full-time Christian service. We had an Assistant Brother McFarland who worked constantly with our youth. He came from Manhattan Bible College. After serving a couple of years he and his wife left for graduate work at Butler University. When brother Mac completed his graduate work, he wrote and asked if he could come back to Central and work under Newell again. He said "he learned more under Newell Hall, than he did in Butler University"

In 1951 the church board voted to build a new parsonage as the old parsonage was now in a changing community. They started to build on January 11th and we moved in April. They built a ranch-style home at 3200 Mersington, next door to the new Church." (Mona Hall's history ended here in 1951.)

POSTSCRIPT #2
HISTORY OF FRIEDA ANN LINDELL HALL
1928 ❖ 1977

Written by Frieda Hall - September 16, 2015.

I was born October 31, 1928 in Fort Scott, Kansas. I was about three years old, when my family moved from a farm on the Missouri side of the state line, to their farm near Prescott, Kansas, where I grew up. I attended a country school, then attended and graduated from High School in Pleasanton, Kansas in 1946. Soon after that I went to a Business College in Kansas City, Missouri for a year from 1946-1947. My first job was with Fidelity Life Insurance Company, then in early 1948 I became the church secretary at Central Christian Church, for about nine months. I had been attending Central and put my membership there on September 14, 1947.

I also met Fred Paxton, who came from his preaching point at Drexel, Missouri, and would stop over with his friend Brother Eugene McFarland. I made my commitment to go into Christian Service, and enrolled in Manhattan Bible College in Manhattan, Kansas, in the fall of 1948.

I attended M.B.C. from 1948-1950 and graduated with a Certificate of Christian Education. During that time Fred Paxton and I became engaged. Fred continued to preach on week-ends at the Christian Church in Drexel, Missouri, then at a church in Kansas. He completed his studies for the Bachelor of Arts degree and we graduated in June of 1950. Then on the following Saturday, June 3rd we were married in the College Chapel. Fred's father, Fred Byron Paxton, who also graduated from M.B.C. in 1942, officiated at the wedding.

We immediately moved to Enid, Oklahoma so Fred could continue his education in the Seminary at Phillips University. He graduated in 1954 with his Bachelor of Divinity Degree. Following graduation, Fred accepted the ministry at the Oakland Christian Church in Topeka, Kansas, where he served for six years. In 1959, we moved to the Sunset Hills Christian Church in Kansas City, Kansas where we served for three years.

In 1962 Fred accepted a call to the Central Christian Church in Kalispell, Montana, a long way from our families! It was a great experience, serving there for nine years. In 1971we moved to Osceola, Iowa, 45 miles south of Des Moines. His ministry there at the Christian Church was cut short by the discovery of a brain tumor which took his life on August 10, 1972. I remained in Osceola for nearly 6 years, working for nearly 5 years at the Christian Church as church secretary. Our children, Sharon and Stephen were in Junior High and elementary school. (The remainder of Frieda's life is recorded in PART VII of Newell's history above.

POSTSCRIPT #3
HISTORY OF ROBERT WILLIAM HALL
1936 ❖ 2015

Written by Robert Hall - August 10, 2015.

I was born December 21, 1936 in the Baptist Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma, while my Dad was in graduate School at the Phillips University Seminary. I was seven years old when our family moved to Kansas City, MO, to the Central Christian Church. Our first home was at 3244 Lockridge. Five months later, on January 9, 1944, I accepted Christ and was baptized by Dad in the old Central Christian Church on Wabash. I graduated from Central High School in 1955. I'm trying to remember what I did after Kansas City that's worth talking about. I was a singer with Olsen Shows, which was a State Fair Company. We played all over the country and in Tupelo, Mississippi. Elvis Presley was our head liner in the grandstand. I then went to college in Terre Haute, Indiana and worked at WTHI radio station and got picked to go on the road with the Johnny Scat Davis Band. We went to the Sahara in Las Vegas and played with Don Rinkles and Louis Prima and Keely Smith for several years.

From there I put my own band together and went to Bermuda and the Bahamas for five years. Then I moved to Bakersfield, California and bought a ranch in the mountains. I was singing on Metromedia Records and I was a songwriter. I was part owner in the "Bakersfield Inn" there and did my shows there when I wasn't on the road. I did lots of benefits there and went on fundraiser concerts for Governor George Deukmejian, of California, and also Teddy Kennedy when he was running for office.

I have a daughter, Frosta Palmieri in Fullerton, California. My 18-year-old daughter is starting college this year and her name is Emily Hall. She got to know her PaPa before he died and had much love for him and for Grandma Frieda who looked after Dad while he was sick. My sister Mona, and Frieda took turns, day and night, for two years staying by his side. That's love! Dad was no walk in the park when there was pain. He was a great man who never failed to walk the walk that he preached. He was a gift to those who knew him. Thank you for remembering him in this document you are writing. I've been in Nashville now 25 years and I'm called "The Baker of Music Row". I bake bread and sell it to all the high-end restaurants here in town.

I still write songs and get out and do a show once in awhile. I also do a big benefit for the Muscular Dystrophy Association with about 20 other bands every year. Thanks again, and if you have any other questions just let me know.

Signed: Bobby John Henry a.k.a. Robert (Bob) Hall

POSTSCRIPT #4
HISTORY OF MARILYN PEARL HALL

1940 ❖ 2015

Written by Marilyn Pearl Hall - August 21, 2015

First a thank you to Robert Winger for taking on the task of chronicling a history of the Central Christian Church in Kansas City, Missouri and to lay out my father's contribution to the growth and service of Central Christian. Robert has asked me to give a few words from my memory of that time and a history of my own events.

I was born in June 8, 1940 in Baxter Springs, Kansas to Mona and Newell Hall, their second child. Baxter Springs Christian Church was Dad's first pastorate after graduating from Phillips University Divinity School in Enid, OK. I was born in the parsonage with the family doctor attending as there was no hospital in the town. Dad helped with the anesthetic and Aunt Hester was on hand for mother.

I lived in Baxter Springs for the first 3 years of my life. Then Dad was called to pastor the old Central Christian Church in Kansas City, MO. I do remember, particularly, the outside of that church and in its sanctuary, the huge pipe organ pipes.

By the time I was 4 or 5 years old, a new Central Christian was being built on Linwood Boulevard. The membership at the old church would be moving into a new building. It was in the new Church where I accepted Christ, and was baptized by my Dad, on November 17, 1946. I remember telling my Kindergarten teacher about what was happening. She must have thought that it would be a good field trip, as our class came to watch the stone masons fashioning each stone and laying them carefully in place.

There was a lot of "Centrals" on Linwood Boulevard, - Central Junior High, Central High School, Central Park, and of course, Central Christian Church. After 5th grade a new parsonage was built and we moved from Lockridge to the new parsonage at 3200 Mersington. It meant a change of elementary schools for me, from Greenwood Elementary to Milton Moore Elementary for 6th grade.

There was an active youth group at Central and I remember some of the youth ministers from Donald Yates, Robert Dunn, and Mac and Esterbelle McFarland. Dad had done his undergraduate work at Manhattan Bible College in Kansas and there was an annual trip back to that campus where many of the young people from the Central Church enrolled for religious studies.

Some of the people that I remember were the Dr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Gish, Bob Winger, Evelyn Gish Winger, Lavonda Haddock Pointer, Edgar Samples, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Judy Watson, Shorty, the custodian, Emil Lear, Donald Young, Mary Young, Fred Paxton, Frieda Lindell Paxton, Walter George, Laverl George, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, the Yancys, the Stewarts, the Bakers, Anna Turner, the Bergers, Mrs. Fields, Mr. Reyfeiner, Mr. Mattison, Hulen Mattison, the Greens, Mr. and Mrs. Koza, Donnie Koza, Mr. and Mrs. Ruckles, Mr. and Mrs. Benningfield, Ardythe Benningfield Kolb, Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle, Robin Dunkle, Ms. Vogel, the Griders, Jerry Haddock, Joyce Gladden Haddock, David Mayta, Betty Johnson, J. T. Spotts, Dick Dyer, Rusty, Mr. and Mrs. Phillipson, Maryann Phillipson, Paul Phillipson, Dorothy Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Suderman, choir director and also my Junior High music teacher, and Dr. Bubendorf, one of the church's early music directors. Ordinary people making up an extraordinary church. Not a complete list, for sure, but these

and many more made up my church home. I recently transferred some of Dad's 8 mm home movies to DVD and it was a great reminder of people, major events and celebrations that happened in the 40's and 50's at the church.

I also remember a collection of pictures of WWII service men and women from Central at the back of the church's balcony, those with a star indicating their ultimate sacrifice of service to the defense of our country.

I was in 11th grade when we moved to Vincennes, IN to a new pastorate. I graduated from Lincoln High School there and in 1958, enrolled in Phillips University in Enid, OK, the same school Dad had attended. After 2 years there I transferred to the sister school of Phillips, Texas Christian University, in Fort Worth, TX and received my B. A. in 1961. About that time the family moved to Texas and a new ministry in Dallas, TX.

After working at the downtown library in Fort Worth I took another job in Dallas and then in 1964 decided to go back to college to become certified in elementary education at East Texas University. So in 1965 I started a long career in education both as an elementary teacher and later as an Associate School Psychologist working with special education students. I received an M. A. in psychology in 1968 from TCU and in 1969, an M. Ed. in education from East Texas State University. Other colleges I attended were the University of North Texas where I took work in order to receive a Licensed Professional Counselor credential; Texas Woman's University, post graduate psychology; and Abilene Christian University, where I took course work for an Educational Diagnostician certification in the early 80's. My whole working life has occurred in Texas, in the Abilene area, Fort Worth, Houston, and now San Antonio. Since leaving the public schools I've done counseling with CPS families and juveniles in the court system.

In closing, many thanks for the kindnesses to our family while in Kansas City and fond remembrances of Central Christian and all the people who found a church home there. I remember individual lives rich in purpose. Again, thanks to Bob Winger for organizing this project and getting us to think about the strength of a single person with a spiritual calling deeply embedded in his soul and his ability to inspire that calling in others, someone who took as his inspiration the Great Commission. So these are my memories - and very good ones.

POSTSCRIPT #5
HISTORY OF MONA MARIE HALL MOORE GARRISON
1940 ❖ 2015

Written by Mona Marie Hall Garrison - August 26, 2015

I was born in Kansas City, Missouri, November 23, 1945. I was the third born to Rev. Newell Hall and Mrs. Mona Hall. I came along during the construction of the new Central Christian Church on Linwood Blvd. After the completion of the church they built us a new parsonage next door to the Church. Our family moved into the new parsonage located at 3200 Mersington Avenue on April 26, 1951. To the church members, this was two separate buildings sitting high on a hill with a large lot between the church and parsonage. To me, the church was also an extended home. Our parents were totally committed to this calling of faith. It was a partnership together in joint ministry. Their involvement was not an 8-5 job, so our family life was extended to the church. At that time, you might find me in my father's office playing while he was working on his sermon, or down the hall to the church secretary's office. Robert, Marilyn and I were a part of church activities and fellowship with members.

Due to changing circumstances in our community, and after almost 14 years in Kansas City, my father made the difficult decision to accept a call to the First Christian Church in Vincennes, Indiana. We moved during the semester break, January, 1957. Marilyn was a junior in high school, and I was in the 6th grade. Vincennes was a much smaller town, and we were welcomed into the community there. When I was in Junior High, I joined the band, and played the flute through high school. I have many fond memories of my childhood there with friends from church, school, and band.

Marilyn was transferring from Phillips University to TCU in Ft. Worth, Texas. Mother wanted to be closer to Marilyn and her sister, Hester Young in Ft. Worth. The new pulpit was at Mt. Auburn Christian Church in Dallas. With my involvement in the church CYF, I was an elected officer in District, and State Office as Secretary. My church friends were my nucleus of friends in high school and college. This CYF group of friends continues today. I graduated in 1963 from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas, and went on to East Texas State University (now known as, Texas A & M at Commerce, Texas) where I majored in Home Economics.

July 9, 1965 I married Fred Moore, from our church. Fred Moore Sr. and his brothers owned several family restaurants in the Dallas area, Moore's Bar-B-Q. Fred continued working at his father's business after college. I was fortunate to be hired by Braniff International Airlines in 1965 in the Reservation and Ticketing Department where we lived our dream of traveling the world. The War in Vietnam was escalating and eligible men were being drafted. Fred enlisted into the Navy Reserve six year program. He was able to stay at the Naval Reserve Base in Dallas, and San Diego for boot camp. During those years at home, we were able to travel like jet-setters, all courtesy of Braniff International. Two years went by quickly and Fred was called to active duty. I moved back in with my parents while he was gone. This was a good experience coming back home as an adult. One night I received a call in that Fred had been hurt, and would be recovering at Pearl Harbor Hospital. He later transferred to San Diego to an aircraft carrier where he finished his active duty.

After the Navy, Fred returned to the restaurant as his father's partner. We built our first home in the Dallas area, and a year later, December 1970, Holly was born. September, 1974, Laura was born. Soon after her birth we found out that mother's cancer returned after many years of remission. She continued to be involved in church as long as she could. Mona F. Hall lost her battle with cancer, August 29, 1975 at the age of 65.

Fred ventured out on his own to establish other barbeque restaurants. As for me, Braniff went bankrupt in 1982, I moved in the direction of corporate travel. Life was about to change forever. Two years after the purchase of the restaurant in Rockwall, Fred became ill. He died November 29, 1984 at the age of 40

My father at age 79 came to my rescue. He moved an old house in the historic district of Rockwall, and completely remodeled it. The girls and I stayed there until Holly graduated from high school, then we moved back closer to my job as a travel agent in Dallas. Almost 10 years went by mostly focusing on my family and work. I dated, but never found someone to share my life with. Then I met Keith Garrison. A man with four children, Stacey, Heather, Rachel and Coleman. We were married January 8, 1994.

My father, Newell Hall, died June 9, 2004, at the amazing age of 96. He willed the historic Rockwall house to us. It was close to most of our children, and we decided, once again to restore this house into a home. Keith undertook this labor of love. Over a year later, Keith had built a 3 car garage/shop to restore the house. It meant moving from room to room then to the garage until it was completed in 2007. My Dad would have been very proud of the outcome.

Our family continues to grow. Our union started with six children, we now have all of them married but the youngest. Holly and John Tornberg have 6 year old twins, Gunnar and Reagan, and Brody, 3 years old. Laura is married to Chris Swindell; she has two boys, Lance 14 years, and Seth 10 years old. That brings us to 5 grandchildren on my side of the family, and 5 on Keith's side, with the possibility of more to come. As for Keith and myself, we have been married for 21 years. Keith retired from Alcatel and I have retired from travel. My interest now concentrates on grandchildren and Keith. Life is good, and blessing abound!

POSTSCRIPT #6

ROBERT WINGER was baptized by H. Parr Armstrong, April 24, 1943, at the Central Christian Church on Wabash, four months before Brother Hall arrived. Brother Armstrong served the church for 10 years, from 1933 - 1943. On May 7, 1945, the day World War II ended in Europe, my father died and Brother Hall conducted his funeral service. In 1948, I enrolled at Manhattan Bible College to prepare for the ministry. I was the first of the young people from Central to be ordained. Brother Hall officiated at my ordination on May 29, 1949. On June 29, 1952, I married Evelyn Gish, at Central Christian Church.

POSTSCRIPT #7

The GISH family, Owen and Edna, their son, Gail, and their daughter, Evelyn, all transferred their membership to Central Christian on October 13, 1946, the first Sunday of the "Jupin Revival" that was held in the basement of the new church while the upper portion was still under construction. The Gish's lived at 4001 E. Linwood Blvd, just two blocks from the church.

POSTSCRIPT #8

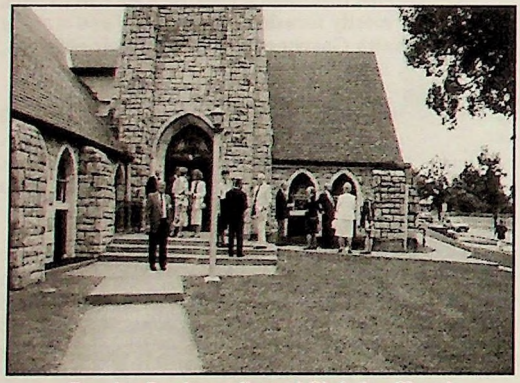
I have read entirely through Newell's "JOURNAL #1" several times, and read every name he entered while at Central Christian Church in Kansas City. I have recorded the names of all the "young people" that Evelyn and I knew, from 1943-1954. We tabulated their (1) Membership Number (2) Name (3) Address (4) and the date they were baptized by Newell or transferred their membership to Central Christian Church. (See chart below)

POSTSCRIPT #9

In 2003 Brother Hall gave Evelyn and I his JOURNAL #1. We have photo-copied all 60 pages of it to keep for ourselves. We are returning the "ORIGINAL JOURNAL #1" to Brother Hall's daughter, Mrs. Keith (Mona Marie Hall) Garrison in Rockwall, Texas.

POSTSCRIPT #10

In the Fall of 1993, some of us who participated in the youth activities at Central, from 1943 to 1954, planned a "CENTRAL YOUTH GROUP REUNION" to be held at Central Christian Church located at 3801 East Linwood Boulevard, in Kansas City. Fifty-seven invitations were sent out, which included ninety-three individuals. Each family was asked to write a brief biography and send a photo to be printed in the "Reunion Souvenir Booklet". All those who attended the reunion were given a copy of the thirty-three page "Souvenir Booklet". The reunion was held on labor day week-end, September 4-5, 1993. On Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. we held a gathering in the Fellowship Hall at Central Christian Church. On Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. we had an evening banquet at the Broadview Christian Church. On Sunday, Newell was given permission, by the minister of Central at the time, to preach at the morning worship service, and other reunion members also participated in the service. On Sunday afternoon, at 3:00 p.m. we gathered at Gail and Mildred Gish's home for a closing barbecue.



Reunion Sunday at Central Christian Church
September 5, 1993

Girl's Trio (L-R)
Reunion Banquet - September 4, 1993
Dorothy (Tucker) Boaz,
Evelyn (Gish) Winger
and Juanita (Watts) Dyer

On Sunday afternoon, September 5, 1993, about fifty gathered as we had our closing time of fellowship at the country home of Gail and Mildred Gish near Pleasant, Hill, Missouri.

The following list of fifty-seven families, including ninety-three individuals, were sent invitations to attend the 1993 Reunion. Those with one asterisk (*) sent back a biography which was printed in the "Souvenir Booklet". Those with two asterisks (**) also sent in a photo which was also printed in the "Souvenir Booklet".

Every year since 1993 we have tried to schedule a reunion in Kansas City in the spring-time. We gathered this year on April 19-21, 2015. Of the remaining thirteen "youth" we could locate, only eight were able to attend. Those attending were from Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Arizona.

Maurice & Thelma Ankrom*
Jim & Bobbie (Hale) Arnold
Doug Baker
Ron Bealmear
Glenn Bell*
Nadine (Gardner) Berger*
John & Dorothy (Tucker) Boaz*
Don & Jo Brown*
Louis & Mary Ellen (Harvey) Buck
Jim & Diana Commer
Lynn Cox
Ellen (Grider) Durbin*
Dick & Chris Dyer
Don & Juanita (Watts) Dyer*
Dorsey & Jean Dyer
Sandra (Doran) Evans
Pat Ferris
Jim George
Walter & Laverl (Haddock) George**
John & Deloris (Helmcamp) Gibson**
Mrs. Edna Gish*
Gail & Mildred Gish
Elsie (Rathbun) Gould
Franklin Grider*
Jerry & Carolyn Grider
Jerry & Brenda Haddock
Newell & Frieda (Lindell) Hall**
Norman & Sue Higgins
Tom & Willene (Newman) Hinken*
Jack & Alice (Turpin) Jensen*
Von & Marilyn (Grider) Kistler*
David & Maryanna (Phillipson) Knapp**
Lee & Vicki Leslie
Mrs. James U. Martin
Eleanor (Doran) McKean
Eugene & Esterbelle (Robbins) McFarland**
Don & JoAnn Meinsen
Marion & Imogene Mille
Marilyn Montgall**
Joe & Sandra Nunn
Paul Phillipson**
Neil & Lavonda (Haddock) Pointer*
Jim & Gladys Renken
Ralph W. Rowe, Jr.
Bob & Nadine Sackrider
Edgar & Valeria Sample**
Ralph & Berniece Sell**
William Sell
Ardyth (Plummer) Swerdferger
Bob & Gloria Thompson**
Richard & Barbara (Rathbun) Tucker
Tom & Marian Watts
Bob & Evelyn (Gish) Winger**
Harold & Frieda (Cowan) Winger
Madonna Yates**
Don & Mary (Webb) Young
Mary (Lewis) Zwink*

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THE FOLLOWING TWO LISTS OF NAMES AND INFORMATION ARE FROM NEWELL HALL'S PERSONAL "JOURNAL #1" FROM AUGUST 1, 1943 - JUNE 30, 1954. & "JOURNAL #2 FROM JULY 1, 1954 - DECEMBER 31, 1956. WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY SELECTED THESE 91 INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE THEY WERE OUR FRIENDS OR ACQUAINTANCES DURING THESE YEARS.

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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS #354 THROUGH #520 WERE ADDED AT "CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH" LOCATED AT "27th AND WABASH" - KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

These names are from Newell's Membership "Journal #1"
The numbers in "RED" indicate those who are known to us at this time (2015)
and we have their current address.
(However some of the others may still be living.)
The names printed in brown are the names of their spouses.

JOURNAL NUMBER	NAME	ADDRESS	BY BAPTISM	BY STATEMENT
354	Robert William Hall	3244 Lockridge	1/9/44	
363 364 365 366	Mr. J. E. Tucker Mrs. J. E. Tucker Annelle Tucker Dorothy Lee Tucker (John Boaz)	2914 Euclid		1/23/44 1/23/44 1/23/44 1/23/44
394	Beverly Stokley (Jack Phipps)	2919 Wabash	4/2/44	
397	Carl Dean Winbigler (Patricia Bohiken)	3939 Bales	4/9/44	
402	Fernella Coombs	2840 Benton	4/9/44	
403	Eugenia Evelien	2654 E. 29th	4/9/44	
406	George Herd	2608 Kensington	4/9/44	
408	Donald Young (Mary Webb)	2638 Bales	4/9/44	
410	James O. Besheer	3201 E. 26th	4/9/44	
450 451	Paul Charles Phillipson Maryanna Phillipson	3428 Bellefontaine		2/18/45 2/18/45
464 465	JoAnn Crosswhite Louise Crosswhite	2018 E. 30th	3/25/45 3/25/45	
476	Virginia Lee Evelien	2840 Benton	4/1/45	
479	Allen Coombs	2926 Brooklyn	4/1/45	
507 508	Mrs. J. W. Webb Mary C. Webb (Donald Young)	3512 Chestnut		12/2/45 12/2/45
519	Dorsey Dyer	3214 Lockridge	4/14/46	
520	Edgar Sample (Valeria Evington)	4128 Wabash	4/21/46	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS #550 - #1678 WERE ADDED AT "CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH" LOCATED AT "3801 EAST LINWOOD BOULEVARD".

These names are from Newell's Membership "Journal #1 & #2" -
The numbers in "RED" indicate those who are known to us at this time and we have their addresses.
However some others, unknown to us, may still be living.)
The names printed in "BROWN" are the names of their spouses.

JOURNAL NUMBER	NAME	ADDRESS	BAPTISM DATE	TRANSFER DATE
550	Alice Mae Turpin	4409 Bales		10/6/46
559 560 561 562	Owen Clayton Gish Edna Georgia Gish Gail Owen Gish (Mildred McLean) Evelyn Yvonne Gish	4001 Linwood Blvd.		10/13/46 10/13/46 10/13/46 10/13/46
615	Marilyn Pearl Hall	3244 Lockridge	11/17/46	
621	Donald Franklin Dyer (Juanita Watts)	3214 Lockridge	12/23/46	
666	Donald Bealmer	3002 Park	4/16/47	
699	Guy O. (Bud) Thompson	3835 E. 9th		5/12/47
711	Richard Koza	2517 Benton		6/1/47
722 723	Herschel Knowles Neva Knowles	3735 Virginia	7/27/47 7/27/47	
731	Frieda Lindell (Newell Hall)	3524 Park		9/14/47
741	Virginia Benton	4022 Terrace		10/5/47
747	Willene Newman (Tom Hinken)	2627 Campbell	10/12/47	
753	Thomas Hinken (Willene Newman)	4515 E. 20th	10/12/47	
759	Elmer Lewis Selvey	3228 S. Benton	12/14/47	
770 771 772	Richard Dyer Ray F. Dyer Mrs. Ray Dyer	3214 Lockridge	2/22/48 2/22/48	 2/8/48
776	Donald Koza	3132 Poplar	2/15/48	
784	Lue Scribner	3236 Benton	3/7/48	
797	Jewell Davison	3903 Linwood		3/7/48
876 877 878 879	Novlice Watts Mrs. Novlice Watts Juanita Carol Watts (Donald Dyer) Thomas Lee Watts	3533 Indiana	 4/25/48 4/25/48	4/18/48 4/18/48
899 918	Lavonda Haddock (Neil Pointer) Wanda LaVerl Haddock (Walter George)	3031 College	6/13/48 8/22/48-Mac	

920	Richard Sims	2039 Lawn	9/5/48 - Mac	
926 934 935 942	Robert Michael Montgall Mrs. Robert L. Montgall Marilyn Montgall Mr. Robert L. Montgall	3022 Indiana	9/26/48 10/3/48	 9/26/48 9/26/48
944	Connie Cravens	3037 College	10/3/48	
958 959	Ralph L. Sell Berniece Sell	1518 E. 31st		11/14/48 11/14/48
971	Jimmi Coomer	3023 Woodland	11/21/48	
972	Glenn Bell	3029 Woodland		11/21/48
1060	James Newman	2627 Campbell	4/17/49	
1076	Mrs. Lydia May Winger	None Recorded		5/29/49
1086	Walter George (Wanda LaVerle Haddock)	3436 Kensington	7/10/49	
1139	Betty Heckart	3624 Euclid	3/11/50	
1147	Patricia Ann Ferris	4108 E. 35th	3/12/50	
1319	Joe Nunn	None Recorded		3/18/51
1347	Don Yates	3735 Virginia		5/6/51
1371	Delores Helmcamp	3734 Virginia		10/7/51
1468	Rose Bassett	1306 E. 32nd Terrace		6/8/52
1537	Mona Marie Hall (Ronald Keith Garrison)	3200 Mersington	2/1/53	
1568	Jerry Haddock	3812 College	3/29/53	
1657 1658	Eugene McFarland Esterbelle McFarland	4001 Linwood Blvd.		2/7/54 2/7/54
1678	Joanne Rannabarger	1618 Lister		4/4/54

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PRESENTING NEWELL M. HALL

By Franklin Finch
Vice-President, Official Board

Having prayed for Divine guidance in fulfilling the commission assigned us, it is with justifiable pride that the Pulpit Committee presents Rev. Newell M. Hall, as its choice of all the minsisters considered, for the pastorate of Central Christian Church.

Bro. Hall comes from a life-background in the Christian Church of York, Nebraska, where his father, W. C. Hall, was an elder for many years, and where the son was ordained; he secured his B. A. degree from the Manhattan Bible College in '34; he and Mrs. Hall were married that year, taking their first pastorate at LeRoy, Kansas, after which he entered Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, where his M. A. degree was awarded in 1937; his thesis subject was: "Unity of the Father, Son and Spirit," in the Department of Biblical and Patristic Greek Language and Literature; he also earned his B. D. degree in '38, that thesis having been written in the Department of Theology and Apolegetics, on the subject: "Paul's Doctrine of Grace."

The Baxter Springs ministry has resulted in over 200 additions, besides much progress in stewardship —the church having paid its debt of $2,000.00 in the first two years, besides $1,000.00 for reconditioning of the building. A fine new parsonage was purchased last year for $3750, which is all but free of debt.

In Bro. Hall's first year the Missionary budget was only $82.00; but in each of the last two years, the missions, educational and general Benevolence fund has run over $1200.

The Youth work stands at a high level, also, with Bro. Hall having taught in the conference every year, and we bespeak such success for him with our own fine young folk, in even larger fields of usefulness.

The Bible School increase has shown 10% annually also, with an average attendance last year of 259, meaning often that it ran over 300.

Bro. Hall has also been president of the Ministerial Alliance during the past year—all of which indicates his having closed a five year ministry at Baxter Springs, of which he can be quite proud.

THE FAITHFUL SCOUTS

Bro. Olaf Lear, Scout Commissioner, knows the determination of 'his boys' to do their 'daily good turn.' We are indebted to them for their splendid distribution of this Special Issue to our members and friends in the vicinity of the Church. Proud of our Scouts? ABSOLUTELY!

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

By Mrs. Ida Goodman, President

The Women's Council has been looking forward to the meeting of our new minister and his family, with a great deal of interest. It is our sincere desire that we may work together, whole-heartedly, in the advancement of the Council program.

We extend to you a most cordial welcome to Central Christian and our general Council meetings.

OUR C. E. WELCOME

By Mrs. Ernest E. O'Neill, Supt.

In behalf of the Young People, High School, Junior High and Junior Endeavors, we wish to extend a warm Welcome to you, Rev. Hall, our new minister, and your family.

We strive to be Spiritual, Wholesome and Normal; and your guidance will be greatly appreciated. We have many talents which we humbly offer to you. Our co-operation is 100%.

We want you to feel that you are one of us; so we will be looking forward to C E'ing you.

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That this may be possible, we pledge our most loyal and faithful support, in behalf of any and every program which he may suggest or desire, since we realize that the Bible School is a most vital link between the home and the church of any community.

And we will, therefore, strive to strengthen that bond of friendliness and spiritual growth, as it is our privilege to do so, "by studying to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed—handling aright, the word of Truth" and by the prayerful co-operation of each and everyone of us.

"Be ye doers of the Word—and not hearers only"—James 1-22

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

A delightful period on our morning program is that filled thru the courtesy of Rev. Norman R. Stacey, pastor of Jackson Avenue Christian Church, who was succeeded by our own Rev. Newell M. Hall at Baxter Springs, Kansas, five years ago.

Brother Stacey has known much of the splendid work, and the unusual accomplishments of Bro. Hall at Baxter, and recommended him very highly for our pulpit; and Bro. Stacey agreed very generously to break into his own program to be with us, not only now as a brother-minister to our new pastor, but to welcome him also, in behalf of the Ministerial Alliance, of which Bro. Stacey is president; and so, Bro. Stacey, may we extend to you, also, our very hearty welcome in coming to us as the harbinger of Spiritual Good-will.

BRO. HALL'S BOOKLET

All who have read a copy of the worthy compilation and writing of Bro. Hall, in his booklet: "Facts Concerning the First Christian Church, Baxter Springs, Kansas." (which material applies 100% to the Christian Church Brotherhood everywhere) will prize most highly the commendable expression of Bro. Williams who preached for us three times this summer, pertaining to this delightful contribution to Biblical literature:

'It took me back to those fine old writings of the Campbells, Barton Stone and others of our religious forefathers, in their high appreciation of our grand old Bible, and the New Testament teachings, especially; his book is a very choice production, and I am delighted that you expect to give it wide distribution thru your church and its friends."

THE CHURCH PARSONAGE

As soon as possession can be secured Bro. Hall and family will move into the Central Christian Church parsonage, which has been purchased for them at 3244 Lockridge; their temporary home is 708 West Pennway—the West Side Christian Church parsonage, phone GR 0998; this thru the courtesy of that church Board.

Our Minister

By Mrs. Franklin Finch

Who gives of himself —without measure or stint—
From morning 'till night, with never a hint
That our cares and our troubles have ever distraught—
But handles them ever with much prayerful thought—
Our Minister.

From eyes dim with grief, he wipes sorrow's tears;
And, by the hand, gently, he leads thru the years.
No night is too dark—no storm too severe,
That our cries are not heard—he's right there to cheer—
Our Minister.

With years of such Service, he means much to us all,
Our hearts are entwined, as he lists to each call,
A servant of God, whom we've all learned to love—
A foretaste of Heaven—sent down from Above—
Our Minister.

God make us more worthy of such loving protection;
And may we, in turn, place our lives in subjection
To Christ's belov'd Church, and His Holiest Call—
And strengthen the man who is giving his All—
Our Minister.

Mrs. Mona S. Hall, Robert William Hall, Marilyn Hall

OUR COMING TO CENTRAL CHRISTIAN

By Newell M. Hall, Minister,

We come among you, as those seeking to serve, in answer to your Call to us, in behalf of Christ. We come, as a venture of Faith, believing that God has "Opened the door of Faith" to us as of old; this is nonetheless a door of Faith" (Acts 14-27) for you, as we answer your invitation to witness for Christ among you.

There is no greater calling than that of being a minister of Christ; therefore, we come in great humility, believing that God has had a great part in guiding us in our decision.

Paul answered the Call to go into Macedonia. "Concluding that God had called (him) to preach the Gospel unto them." (Acts 16:10). May the years ahead prove the correctness of our conclusion —that God still guides thru His spirit, to the best interests of His people.

We come to you with one chief purpose, which is best stated in the words of the Apostle Paul: "And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of words of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God, for I understand not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Cor. 2 :1-2)

This purpose in Christ will lead us together, in many joyful, and some sorrowful experiences, as we seek to exalt Christ and His Church.

While there are many worthwhile fields of Service before all who seek to do good, you will find me chiefly concerned in the charge I have to keep, which is to "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2)

The Call you have extended to us calls for full co-operation, which we feel, before God, you will freely grant, from the beginning of our fellowship. We seek to be only one with you in Christ's Service —each in his respective place of ministry. "For we are God's fellow-workers; Ye are God's husbandry —God's building." (1 Cor. 3:9.) And we will keep in mind, as we build, that "Other foundation can no man lay, than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Therefore, as we come to you, we "seek not yours, but you," (2 Cor. 12:14) for the sake of Christ. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the work of the Lord may run and be glorified.' (2 Thes. 3:1.)

MRS. HALL'S ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Hall, never to be outdone by her active husband, began her activities right with their first pastorate, Leroy, Kansas, as superintendent of the Junior Bible School, and also taught in the Daily Vacation Bible School.

While at Phillips University, she organized a Christian Endeavor Society at their student charge at Waldron, Kansas.

Mrs. Hall was also president of the Ministers' Wives Organization in the University known as the "Zeloti."

While in Baxter, Mrs. Hall has worked continuously in the Christian Endeavor Society and helped with the Intermediate work, as well as helped organize an Adult Study Class for Sunday evening; she has taken an active part in the Missionary Society, and was president of the World Day Prayer Group for 1941.

There is no doubt that Mrs. Hall will find splendid opportunities for the expression of her abilities throughout the various church activities.

Tom Poler, Ivanhoe minister, delighted hundreds of our folk with his five splendid New Testament sermons, each so well delivered.

MORNING WORSHIP 10:45 A. M.

Organ Prelude ..... Mrs. N. M. Staples
Hymn No. 218—'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name'
Call to Worship
Doxology
Lord's Prayer in Unison
Hymn No. 159—"Take Time to Be Holy"
Prayer
Communion Hymn No. 239—'My Jesus I Love Thee'
Offertory
Scripture Reading
Anthem—"The Prayer Perfect"..... Stenson
Hymn No. 118—The Way of the Cross Leads Home
Introducing Norman R. Stacey, President M. A.
Presenting Newell M. Hall .....Our new Minister
Sermon—"Sent to Preach the Word" Newell M. Hall
Invitation Hymn No. 242—"Jesus Calls Us"
Benediction ..... Response

EVENING WORSHIP 8:00 P. M. .. ....

Organ Prelude ..... Mrs. N. M. Staples
Hymn No. 64—"Love Lifted Me"
Hymn No. 18—"Brighten the Corner"
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Communion Hymn No. 243—'Break Thou the Bread'
Offertory
Hymn No. 138—"Beulah Land"
Duet—Mrs. Pauline Keaton and Mrs. Ethel Daniels
Selected
Sermon —"Things That Remain Unshaken" .....
Newell M. Hall
Invitation Hymn No.187—"Let Jesus Come"
Benediction .... Response

BRO. HALL'S BOOKLET

Our new minister has prepared an interesting booklet, "Facts Concerning the Christian Church." All the material applies so definitely to our church as a Brotherhood, that we asked Mrs. Harris, of the program committee, to select a few most pertinent excerpts for this issue:

Our Aim

To restore the New Testament Church.

To exalt Christ above party, and His Word above all human creeds.

To plead for the unity of God's people.

To follow the New Testament for the essentials of faith.

To lead sinners to Christ in the clear light of the New Testament teaching and example.

Our Plea

In faith, Unity
In opinions, Liberty
In all things, Love.

Christ established His church on the day of Pentecost, A. D. 33. (Isa. 2: 1-4; Matt. 16:1-18; Luke 24: 46-49; Acts 1: 6-8; Acts 2: 37-42) and it grew in the power of the Holy Spirit to move the Roman world.

First: Creed

The creed of the early church was a single fact, namely, that "Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God." (Matt. 16:16). Not a mere belief in things but in a divine person.

The Lord's Supper was also instituted by Christ Himself. (Matt. 26: 26-28.) The Lord's Supper is a memorial. Jesus said, "This do ye in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:25.)

The names setting forth the Church in the New Testament are: "Church of Christ." Upon this rock I will build my Church." (Matt. 16: 16-19.) "All the Churches of Christ salute you." (Rom. 16:16). "Church of God" "Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth." (1 Cor. 1-2). "The Church" (Acts 8:3). These Bible names honor the founder.

Confession of Christ. Christ commands that we confess Him with our mouths before men. "Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the Angels of God." (Luke 12 8); also (Rom. 10: 9-10; 1 Tim. 6: 12-13).

THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

Immediately upon the resignation of Dr. Armstrong, who spent himself so effectively, for more than ten years, in the development of Central Christian, Mr. Earl Berger, Chairman of our Official Board, called a special meeting of the Executive Committee, to appoint a Pulpit Committee to secure a new minister, promptly; this committee consisted of the following representatives of various organizations and Boards of our Church, as follows: Franklin Finch, vice-chairman of, and representing the Official Board, chairman; Olaf Lear, chairman of, and representing the Board of Elders; Ellis Toler, Board of Deacons; Mrs. Harris, the Women's Council; Mrs. Green, the Bible School, and Mrs. Staples, the Church at Large.

This committee served unceasingly, sacrificing the pressing hours of each member; and, regardless of conditions of war, and with so many hundreds of ministers serving their country, giving us such a very limited field, (with the extreme demand for good preachers being very great,) prayerful efforts were soon rewarded, and in seven weeks, the Call was unanimously extended to Rev. Newell M. Hall; his resignation was presented promptly, and accepted very reluctantly by his church, as set out elsewhere in this Special Welcome Edition.

OUR PURPOSE AND INVITATION

The mission of this Special Edition of the Central Christian is also that of acquainting the Church and its friends with the details of Rev. Hall's coming to us; it carries, futhermore, our sincere invitation to all those in the area served by our Church, who do not now enjoy any church-relationship, to come and worship with us—making this your Church-home. We assure you a most cordial Welcome, and that you will find an outlet for your abilities in advancing the Cause of Christ in your vicinity.

Next Sunday

Bible School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Hour 10:40 A.M.

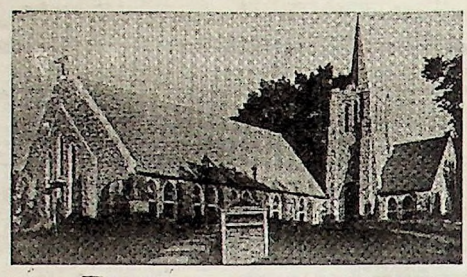
THEY BLEW THE TRUMPETS
By Bro. Newell M. Hall

C.Y.F. 6:30 P.M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.

PRETENSE AT LIVING
By Bro. Newell M. Hall

CENTRAL CHRISITAN CHURCH
Linwood Blvd. at Cleveland Ave.

The Central Christian



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Newell M. Hall, Minister, Accepts Call to the Church in Vincennes, Indiana.

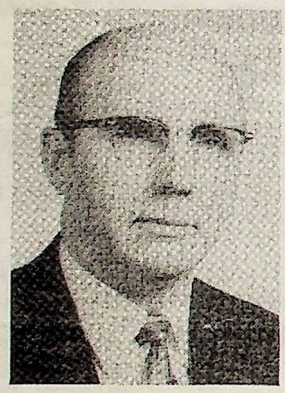
Kansas City, Missouri
October 17, 1956

To the Members of the Official Board and The Central Christian Church of Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Brethren:

We face times in our lives when we must make decisions filled with all manner of sincere emotion. I have received a call to accept the ministry of the historic "First Christian Church" of Vincennes, Indiana. It is after much prayer, that we have made the decision.

It is with deep regret that I resign the pulpit of the Central Christian Church here in Kansas City, Missouri. In fact, I can say that we have given thirteen years of the best of our lives to this congregation, and we have been richly blessed. We feel that the many lives touched in some way brought real enrichment to us, and to the congregation. No decision could be more difficult, than this resignation, for no congregation could have kept faith with its minister, on a higher ethical plane than this congregation. I am deeply grateful to the members of the Official Board, and especially the chairman Dr. Kavanaugh. I could mention the other chairman with equal sincerity, both present and past.



NEWELL M. HALL
Minister

The experience in churchmanship, Central has provided me, will in the years to come prove of value to me as a minister, and I am sure, to the good of His Kingdom. As you make plans to call another man to minister to the fine people of Central, it is our prayer that you will continue to support him in the fine Christian way you have stood by me through the years.

We will move to our new pastorate the last week of December, 1956, in time to start our new work on January 1, 1957. We covet your sincere prayers in these next few weeks of our ministry here, for we want them to continue to be fruitful for Christ and His Church. We also want your prayers as we make ready to start the new work among the fine people of Vincennes, Indiana.

With Sincere Love,
NEWELL M. HALL, Minister.

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BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

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HOMEBUILDERS CLASS

We had a nice class this Lord's Day and Ann and Dean Anshutz were with us this morning after being away for some time. Come again soon, Dean and Ann.

There is to be a pot luck supper at the Sample home, Friday, Oct. 26 at 7:00 P.M. Business meeting following. Please come.

Our devotional was given by Artie Roller, and the lesson by Mrs. MacNevan, our teacher who was with us again after being absent from us for a Sunday or two.

Mrs. Leo Vetters underwent a tonsillectomy this last week. She is recovering in a fine way.

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

38 present, with two visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gosney, former members of the class. Cora Wiley brought a fine devotional which has become an essential part of our program. We thank Mr. Schnabel for the lesson.

Mrs. E. Reynolds will spend the remainder of the month at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Remember her with cards, address 236 Cedar. Cards will help pass away some of the time. Don't forget the Tacky Masquerade party at Glenn Winbigler's home, Oct. 31st.

50-50 CLASS

Our attendance was down today but all present gained inspiration from the devotional by Mark Norbury and the lesson by Pete.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ludlom and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ludlom are the parents of Clara Burner. Betty Carnes was also a visitor. Welcome to all of you and come back again.

A letter from John and Virginia Grider was read. They are now living in Tuscon, Arizona.

The annual Halloween party will be Friday night, October 26, Fellowship Hall.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of the mother of Genevieve Schultz. Our prayers and sympathy are with you, Genevieve, in your hour of sorrow.

LOYAL PARTNERS

Were happy to have the T.N.T. class with us and to have a fine lesson presented to us by Mildred Robinette. Please come back again. We had 19 present this morning. Missed Mrs. Beningfield who was out of town. Hurry back.

SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC KICK-OFF

A special meeting of the Driskill Campaign will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 P.M. at the Independence Blvd. Christian Church to give the final instructions to all the callers. The list of callers and all others who plan to call should be present to hear Dr. Driskill.

ATTENTION! PLEASE!

There is a call for warm good used clothing for men, women and children. Also yards of denim and sheeting. This is for the World Community Day, November 2. Have in by Sunday, October 28, 1956. Mrs. James L. Smart.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

My Dear Friends in Central Christian Church:

Words seem so inadequate at a time like this, but I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the big surprise party, "This Is Your Life", last Tuesday night. It was such an excellent crowd, and such a fine fellowship, and then the big surprise! I shall never forget your thoughtfulness of me. To have my parents, sister, and nephew, here to share the occasion with me, brought the program to a heighth that can never be surpassed on this earth!

And the gifts were just so beautiful and exquisite that I am still living in a dream world. And how wonderful that I will have a movie film of this night!

I want to thank each and every one of you that contributed to the lovely gifts, program, and dinner, and made this night for me, the most memorable one of my life. I love each and every one of you, and may God bless you and guide you as you continue to serve Him, is my prayer.

Mona Hall

C.W.F. BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board of the C. W.F. will meet Wednesday, October 31st, at 10:00 A.M. at the church. All members urged to attend.

DR. HALL . . .

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Brother Newell M. Hall, Minister
Central Christian Church
3801 Cleveland
Kansas City 28, Missouri.

Dear Brother Hall:

This is a difficult letter to write for two reasons. First, words are simply not adequate to express the loss we feel at a time like this. And, second, because we who have been among your flock so long and through many problems together, find ourselves now resisting the idea of continuing without you.

It is with deep and sincere regret that we accepted your resignation as Minister of Central Christian Church at a special session of the Official Board of Central Christian Church on October 18, 1956.

The regret we feel is a selfish one for our own loss; but at the same time, we congratulate you on your call to the pastorate of First Christian Church at Vincennes, Indiana, and you may rest assured that our prayers and our love and concern will go with you to your new home and your new work.

We will make attempt here to list the many ways in which the church here has progressed and grown during the years of your ministry. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to you and Mrs. Hall and to your family for your unbroken record of loyal service that has made our church a mighty force for kingdom building in this community and in this city.

We cannot express all that you have meant to Central down through the years, but we thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and may God bless you and continue to use you in the performance of a great work and may you find great joy in your new task, is our prayer.

Yours in His Service,
Mrs. James Martin, Secretary
Dr. F. G. Kavanaugh, Chairman of the Official Board.

Words From Your Pastor

OUR FOLK

Mrs. Ernest Reynolds is still taking treatments at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Her address is 236 Cedar, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mr. William Salsbury was in St. Luke's Hospital this last week, to have his teeth extracted. He is now doing fine.

Mrs. W. C. Rose is now under the care of a practical nurse at her home and is doing fine.

Mrs. Snow is now home from the hospital and is slowly recovering. She has asked that her friends in Central remember her in their prayers. We hope for a speedy recovery for her.

CALL FOR WORKERS

The final call for workers in our comprehensive Evangelistic program of calling October 29 to November 1st. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. each evening. Those enrolled to call thus far are: Mrs. Nadine Sackrider, Claude Darbe, Lafate King, Ann King, Randall Finke, Doris Finke, J. E. Tucker, Mrs. Lillian Blucher, Mrs. Pearl Duffield, Dr. Frank Kavanaugh, Mrs. Frank Kavanaugh, Mrs. Lea Rafiner, Mr. G. O. Thompson, Mrs. G. O. Thompson, Mr. W. S. Buckles, Mrs. W. S. Buckles and Jerry Grider.

We call attention to this list first to challenge those who should enroll and second to make sure all who have signed the cards have reached the Pastor's desk. If your name has not been listed, please call the Church office.

EXPLANATION OF BRACELET PRESENTED TO MRS. HALL

(Requested)

1. A key and heart, symbols of the many keys you have used to unlock the hearts of both old and young, so that Christ could come into their lives.
2. A pair of rings, the marriage token of unending love, of unbroken vows.
3. A baby shoe, symbol of motherhood with all its responsibilities, its many griefs, and its great joys.
4. A mustard seed, a remembrance of your own faith, so small in the beginning, so great today.
5. A tiny report card, reminescent of your school-teaching days, when a report card marked the climax of the school days.
6. A telephone, a reminder of the many hours you give in conversation with friends in helping the business of the church. The phone, always ringing at the parsonage.
7. The cross, symbolic of your sacrifices, your love and devotion, in the service of our Lord.
8. The Bible, the spiritual guide which you have followed all your life, the pattern for every day living.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P.M. is the time the Elders, Deacons and Deaconesses will again meet at the Church to bring the fellowship of the Church to those who are unable to attend the service. Mr. G. O. Thompson, is the chairman of this committee. However, the list has become so large that in the interest of time, we suggest a call be made to the Church where it is at all possible, if they want the service, as it is difficult to make the trip and find no one at home. However we know that many of our Shut-ins have no phone and will expect the group at the usual time.

LAMENT OF A PREACHER'S WIFE

(Tune: Sixteen Tons)

Written by Mrs. L. Andis, Mission, Texas.

1.
I was born one mornin', heard the church bells ring;
I picked up a hymnal and started to sing;
Got a preacher for a husband and my-o-me
Got sixteen jobs plus a fam-i-ly.

Chorus:
You get sixteen jobs and what do get?
Another day older and more troubles yet.
St. Peter, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go,
Gotta stand on Sunday at the church front do'.

2.
Gotta lead prayer meetin', take a class to teach;
Gotta play the organ or the people will screech
How the last preacher's wife did this and mo'
And then when I do it, say I'm runnin' the show.

Chorus:
Your try so hard and what do ya get?
Hearin' other people's troubles till you fuss and fret,
St. Peter, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go,
Got a covered dish supper and a whole lot mo'.

3.
My clothes are the subject for a lot of talk;
I buy a fancy outfit and members all gawk;
I wear last year's and the people all say
I oughta do better on what they pay.

Chorus:
Gotta please everybody, watch what I say;
Gotta be on my toes every hour of the day;
St. Peter, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go,
Got a Fellowship meeting this evening at fo'.

4.
Gotta be on call every day and night,
The worst things happen when I look a fright.
The Chairman of the Board will decide to come by
When my hair is in curlers and my girdle ain't dry.

Chorus:
Got no life of my own, it seems to me
I never have an hour of privacy.
St. Peter, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go,
Sister Jones is a-knockin' at my back do'.

5.
Shake hands with the elders and smile at the wives;
The last one that leaves and the first that arrives;
Got a preacher for a husband, but never see him 'till
The dead is buried and the sick gets well.

Chorus:
Be a preacher's wife and what do you get?
A host of friends and the fullest life yet.
St. Peter, don't you call me, 'cause I can't go,
Want'a stand on Sunday at the Church front do'.

AT THE PARSONAGE

Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Whitemore, and her sister, Mrs. Thomas Young and son Tommy, returned to their home Saturday. They were invited here by the Church to share in "This Is Your Life" program in honor of Mrs. Hall. A worthy recognition of years of faithful service in behalf of the Church.

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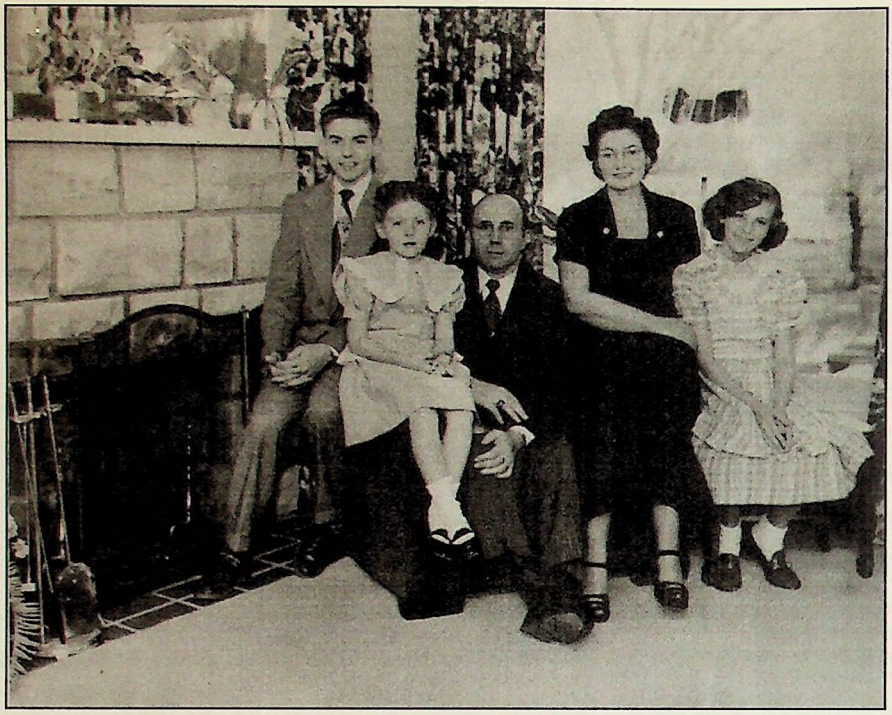

FAMILY PHOTO FOR THE HALL'S 1952 CHRISTMAS CARD
TAKEN IN THE PARSONAGE OF CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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HALL FAMILY PORTRAIT - ABOUT 1956
(L-R) Mona Marie - Mona - Robert - Newell - Marilyn

HALL FAMILY REUNION WITH
MONA'S SISTER, HESTER YOUNG
(L-R) Marilyn Hall - Robert Hall - Tom Young
Newell Hall - Mona Hall - Hester Young
(Below) Tommy Young - "Tarzan" - Mona Marie Hall

HALL FAMILY PORTRAIT
ABOUT 1948 - (L-R)
Mona Marie - Marilyn - Robert

HALL FAMILY PORTRAIT
ABOUT 1950
(L-R) Marilyn - Robert - Mona Marie

Newell and Frieda Hall's home in Wills Point, Texas - October 23, 2003
(L-R) Evelyn (Gish) Winger - Mona Marie (Hall) Garrison
Frieda (Lindell) Hall - Robert Winger - Newell Hall age 96

ADDENDUM
RESTORATION MOVEMENT CHURCHES IN METRO-KANSAS CITY, MO

From the Stone-Campbell Movement, which began in 1809, three separate branches have developed over two hundred years. For the sake of this history only those churches are listed which are located within a 25 mile radius from the Mother Church located at the corner of 11th and Locust Streets in Kansas City, Missouri. The churches identified below were obtained from the following five sources, and may not reflect all of the churches in the Stone-Campbell Movement that exist in the target area as of November 1, 2015.

1. "2015 Year Book & Directory"
   Published by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Indianapolis, Indiana.
2. "2014 Directory of the Ministry - A Yearbook of Christian Churches and Churches of Christ"
   Published by Directory of the Ministry - Springfield, Illinois
3. Mesa Public Library - Online Phone Directory
4. Google Online - Multiple Sites
5. Church of Christ: Two web-sites www.churchzip.com and www.church-of-christ.org

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
ONE-HUNDRED-TWO (102) CHURCHES

Belton, Missouri - Belton Christian Church - 409 Airway Lane
Blue Springs, Missouri - Central Christian Church - 1700 Southwest Morningside Drive
Blue Springs, Missouri - Christian Church - 2800 Northwest Duncan Road
Blue Springs, Missouri - First Christian Church - 701 Northwest 15th Street
Blue Springs, Missouri - Good Shepherd Christian Church - 111 Southwest Woods Chapel Road
Bonner Springs, Kansas - First Christian Church - 148 North Nettleton Avenue
Buckner, Missouri - First Christian Church - 126 South Hudson Street
Camden Point, Missouri - Camden Point Christian Church - First and Camden
Cameron, Missouri - First Christian Church - 210 North Main Street
Cameron, Missouri - First Christian Church - 318 North Pine Street
Dearborn, Missouri - New Market Christian Church - 18 Mill Street
Drexel, Missouri - Drexel Christian Church - 211 East Pine Street
Edgerton, Missouri - Edgerton Christian Church - 201 Frank Street
Edgerton, Missouri - Ridgely Christian Church - 19995 South Ridgely Road
Edwardsville, Kansas - Edwardsville Christian Church - 110 North 4th Street
Excelsior Springs, Missouri - Woods Memorial Christian Church - 417 Concourse Avenue
Fairway, Kansas - Family of Faith Christian Church - 4600 West 62nd Terrace
Farley, Missouri - Farley Christian Church - 101 Main Street
Garden City, Missouri - First Christian Church - 401 Main Street
Grandview, Missouri - Manifestation Christian Center - 11917 Beacon Avenue
Greenwood, Missouri - Greenwood Christian Church - 601 Oak Street
Independence, Missouri - Blue Ridge Boulevard Christian Church - 3625 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Independence, Missouri - Eastgate Christian Church - 4010 South River Boulevard
Independence, Missouri - First Christian Church - 125 South Pleasant Street
Independence, Missouri - Pleasantview Christian Church - 19114 East Salisbury Road
Kansas City, Kansas - All Nations Breakthrough Christian Church - 11411 West 71st Terrace
Kansas City, Kansas - Emerson Park Christian Church - 1501 South 40th Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Fellowship Christian Church - 8844 State Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas - First Christian Church - 1000 Argentine Boulevard
Kansas City, Kansas - Grandview Christian Church - 8550 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, Kansas - Iglesia Monte De Sion Church - 1000 Argentine Boulevard
Kansas City, Kansas - La Gloria de Dios Iglesia Cristiana Church - 941 Johnson Drive
Kansas City, Kansas - Oak Grove Christian Church - 5703 Oak Grove Road
Kansas City, Kansas - Sunset Hills Christian Church - 6347 Leavenworth Road

Kansas City, Kansas - White Christian Church - 2200 North 85th Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Alta Vista Christian Church - 1201 Avenida Cesar East Chavez
Kansas City, Missouri - Bader Memorial Christian Church - 2010 Van Brunt Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - Barry Christian Church - 1500 Northwest Barry Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Belmont Christian Church -1208 Belmont Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - Budd Park Haitian Christian Church - 4925 Street John Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - Central Christian Church - 3801 East Linwood Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - Community Christian Church - 4601 Main Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Country Club Christian Church - 6101 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri - El Rey de Gloria Christian Church - 5244 Street John Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - El Santo de Israel Church - 1247 Collins
Kansas City, Missouri - Elijah Rock Christian Church - 1734 East 63rd
Kansas City, Missouri - Fairview Christian Church - 1800 Northeast 65th Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Gracemor Christian Church - 5600 Northeast San Rafael Drive
Kansas City, Missouri - Hickman Mills Community Christian Church - 5809 Red Bridge Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Hillside Christian Church - 900 Northeast Vivion
Kansas City, Missouri - Iglesia Cristiana el Shaddai Church - 3121 Wood Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - Independence Boulevard Christian Church - 606 Gladstone Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - International Believers In Jesus Christ - 509 Elmwood
Kansas City, Missouri - Light Of Life Community Church - 11144 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - Missio KC - 606 Gladstone Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - New Vision Christian Church - 9101 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - New Hope Christian Church - 5704 Norfleet Road
Kansas City, Missouri - New Song Christian Church - 8600 Northeast - Sam Ray Road
Kansas City, Missouri - New Life Christian Church - 4533 Prospect
Kansas City, Missouri - North Oak Christian Church - 9900 North Oak Trafficway
Kansas City, Missouri - Nueva Creacion Iglesia Cristiana Church - 1201 Cesar E. Chavez
Kansas City, Missouri - Peace Christian Church - 11511 State Line Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Powershift Worship Center - 6108 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - Red Bridge Christian Church - 10842 McGee Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Ridgeview Christian Church - 8640 Sni-A-Bar Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Rivers of Life Church - 4214 Northwest Cookingham Drive
Kansas City, Missouri - Roanoak Christian Church - 4001 Wyoming Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Swope Park United Christian Church - 6140 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri - Transformation Family Life Center - 3123 Wood Avenue
Kearney, Missouri - First Christian Church - 2151 South Jefferson Street
Lathrop, Missouri - First Christian Church - 400 Center Street
Lee's Summit, Missouri - Lee's Summit Christian Church - 800 Northeast Tudor Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri - Longview Chapel Christian Church - 850 Southwest Longview Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri - South Summit Christian Church - 1121 Southwest Hook Road
Liberty, Missouri - Liberty Christian Church - 427 East Kansas Street
Lone Jack, Missouri - Lone Jack Christian Church - 200 West Lone Jack / Lee's Summit Road
Louisburg, Kansas - First Christian Church - 602 North First Street
Mission, Kansas - Countryside Christian Church - 6101 Nall Avenue
Mission, Kansas - Faith Works Community Church - 6045 Martway Street
Missouri City, Missouri - Missouri City Christian Church - 412 Main Street
Olathe, Kansas - First Christian Church - 200 East Loula Street
Olathe, Kansas - Iglesia Cristiana Monte de Sion Church - 501 West Elm
Olathe, Kansas - Street Andrew Christian Church - 13890 West 127th Street
Osawatomie, Kansas - First Christian Church - Fifth and Brown Streets
Overland Park, Kansas - Blue Valley Christian Church - (Nesting @ 11411 Quivira Road)
Overland Park, Kansas - Hillcrest Christian Church - 11411 Quivira Road
Overland Park, Kansas - Overland Park Christian Church - 7600 West 75th Street
Paola, Kansas - Richland Township Missional Christian Church - 25055 Bethel Church Road
Parkville, Missouri - Living Water Christian Church - 12411 Tom Watson Parkway
Platte City, Missouri - First Christian Church - 708 3rd Street

Platte City, Missouri - Hillsboro Christian Church - 10005 Hillsboro Road
Plattsburg, Missouri - First Christian Church - 501 West Clay Avenue
Pleasant Hill, Missouri - First Christian Church - 519 Cedar Street
Raymore, Missouri - Raymore Christian Church - 500 Peace Drive
Raytown, Missouri - Raytown Christian Church - 6108 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Shawnee Mission, Kansas - Rios de Agua Viva Iglesia Cristiana Church - 7600 West 75th Street
Shawnee, Kansas - Merriam Christian Church - 9401 Johnson Drive
Shawnee, Kansas - Shawnee Community Christian Church - 5340 Martindale Road
Smithville, Missouri - Smithville Christian Church - 201 North Bridge Street
Waverley, Missouri - Waverly Christian Church - 407 Jefferson
Weston, Missouri - Salem Christian Church - 21170 Dye Store Road
Weston, Missouri - Weston Christian Church - 540 Washington Street

CHURCH OF CHRIST (NON-INSTRUMENTAL)
EIGHTY (80) CHURCHES

Basehor, Kansas - Church of Christ - 16665 Leavenworth Road
Belton, Missouri - Church of Christ - 103 Myron Avenue
Blue Springs, Missouri - Blue Springs Church of Christ - 1000 Soutwest Clark Road
Blue Springs, Missouri - Church of Christ - 314 Northeast R D Mize Road
Blue Springs, Missouri - South Avenue Church of Christ - 4000 Southwest Christiansen Drive
Blue Springs, Missouri - Southside Church of Christ -
Bonner Springs, Kansas - Bonner Springs Church of Christ - 419 East Morse Avenue
Butler, Missouri - Church of Christ - 612 East Fort Scott Street
Butler, Missouri - Church of Christ - 205 North Fulton Street
Cameron, Missouri - Church of Christ - 1020 South Walnut Terrace
Claycomo, Missouri - Church of Christ meeting at Claycomo - 232 East 69 Highway
Excelsior Springs, Missouri - Church of Christ - 505 Elms Boulevard
Excelsior Springs, Missouri - Church of Christ - 27404 and Northeast 144th Street
Fontana, Kansas - Church of Christ - 101 South Lincoln
Grandview, Missouri - Church of Christ - 12500 Grandview Road
Grandview, Missouri - Church of Christ - 4005 Main Street
Hamilton, Missouri - Church of Christ - 107 West Arthur Street
Harrisonville, Missouri - Church of Christ - 27713 South State Route 7S
Higginsville, Missouri - Church of Christ - 1061 West 19th Street
Independence, Missouri - Christ's Heartland Church - 19809 East 14th Street North
Independence, Missouri - Church of Christ - 200 South River Boulevard
Independence, Missouri - Church of Christ - 3840 South Crysler Avenue
Independence, Missouri - East Independence Church of Christ - 2020 South 291 Highway
Independence, Missouri - Liberty Church of Christ - 601 South Liberty Street
Independence, Missouri - Thirty-Ninth Street Church of Christ - 15331 East 39th Street South
Kansas City, Kansas - Argentine Church of Christ - 3916 Strong Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas - North 36th Street Church of Christ - 1400 North 36th Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Parkwood Church of Christ - 2517 North 9th Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Rainbow Arch Church of Christ - 628 Seminary Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Roswell Church of Christ - 2900 Roswell Avenue
Kansas City, Kansas - Roswell Church of Christ - 1401 North 18th Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Sixty-first Street Church of Christ - 7318 Hartford Drive
Kansas City, Kansas - Parkwood Church of Christ - 2517 North 9th Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Westside Church of Christ - 8740 State Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - Blue Ridge Church of Christ - 9603 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - Blue River Church of Christ - 12400 East 58th Pl.
Kansas City, Missouri - Church of Christ - 1027 Brooklyn Avnue
Kansas City, Missouri - Church of Christ - 7300 Prospect Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - Claycomo Church of Christ - 157 North Emerson Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Downtown Church of Christ - 2010 Van Brunt Boulevard

Kansas City, Missouri - Gladstone Church of Christ - 5703 North Florida
Kansas City, Missouri - Heartland Church of Christ - 6120 Northwest Prairie View Road.
Kansas City, Missouri - Hickman Mills Church of Christ - 11610 South US Highway 71
Kansas City, Missouri - Kansas City Church of Christ of Claycomo - 232 East US Highway 69
Kansas City, Missouri - Nashua Church of Christ -11425 North Main Street
Kansas City, Missouri - New Life Church of Christ - 6656 Bellefountaine Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - North Brighton Street Church of Christ - 5104 North Brighton Street
Kansas City, Missouri - North Brighton Street Church of Christ - 5104 North Brighton Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Red Bridge Church of Christ - 101 West Red Bridge Rd.
Kansas City, Missouri - Roanridge Church of Christ - 6403 Northwest Roanridge Rd.
Kansas City, Missouri - Swope Parkway Church of Christ - 5620 Swope Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri - Twenty-fifth & Oakley Church of Christ - 2425 Oakley Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - Vivion Road Church of Christ - 2026 Northeast Vivion Road
Lawson, Missouri - Church of Christ - 7786 SE US Highway 69
Leaveworth, Kansas - Leavenworth Church of Christ - 3911 10th Avenue
Lee's Summit, Missouri - Blue River Church of Christ - 221 Northeast Woods Chapel Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri - East Side Church of Christ - 106 Southwest 4th Street
Lee's Summit, Missouri - Lee's Summit Church of Christ - 201 Northwest Chipman Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri - Murray Road Church of Christ - 106 Southwest Murray Road
Lee's Summit, Missouri - Smart Road Church of Christ - 13105 Smart Road
Lenexa, Kansas - Lenexa Church of Christ - 7845 Cottonwood
Lenexa, Kansas - Kansas City Church of Christ - 10250 Quivira Road
Liberty, Missouri -Liberty Church of Christ - 1401 Glenn Hendren Drive
Oak Grove, Missouri - Oak Grove Church of Christ - 104 Southwest 6th Street
Odessa, Missouri - Odessa Church of Christ - 210 North 4th Street
Olathe, Kansas - 151st Street Church of Christ - 13875 West 151st Street
Olathe, Kansas - Park Street Church of Christ - 515 West Park Street
Overland Park, Kansas - Overland Park Church of Christ - 13400 West 119 Street
Parkville, Missouri - South Platte Church of Christ- 6321 Union Chapel Road
Pleasant Hill, Missouri - Pleasant Hill Church of Christ - 907 Cedar Street
Raymore, Missouri - Raymore Church of Christ - 107 North Woodson Drive
Raytown, Missouri - Gregory Boulevard Church of Christ - 7109 Raytown Road
Raytown, Missouri - Raytown Church of Christ - 6000 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Raytown Missouri - Sterling Avenue Church of Christ - 5825 Sterling Avenue
Richmond, Missouri - Richmond Church of Christ - 400 South Thornton Street
Shawnee Mission, Kansas - Harvester Church of Christ - 12008 West 87th Street
Shawnee Mission, Kansas - Church of Christ - 6216 Grandview Street
Shawnee Mission, Kansas - Church of Christ - 8640 Hauser Street
Shawnee, Kansas - Johnson County Church of Christ - 7300 Nieman Road
Sugar Creek, Missouri - Sugar Creek Church of Christ - 10800 East Kentucky Avenue

CHRISTIAN CHURCH & CHURCHES OF CHRIST (INDEPENDENT) SIXTY-THREE (63) CHURCHES

Adrian, Missouri - Adrian Christian Church - 510 East 12th Street
Adrian, Missouri - Cornerstone Christian Church - North Old Highway 71
Amoret, Missouri - Amoret Christian Church - Fourth and Madison
Amsterdam, Missouri - Merwin Christian Church - 12999 Northwest State Route 18
Belton, Missouri - New Hope Christian Church - 18809 South State Route Y
Blue Springs, Missouri - Blue Springs Christian Church - 7920 South Highway 7
Blue Valley, Missouri - Grain Valley Christian Church - 900 East Jefferson Street
Braymer, Missouri - Braymer Christian Church - 306 North Main Street
Butler, Missouri - Double Branch Christian Church - Route 5, Box 411
Camden Point, Missouri - Camden Point Christian Church - 205 1st Street
Cameron, Missouri - Town and Country Christian Church - 1610 East Grand Avenue
Dearborn, Missouri - Wallace Christian Church - 17443 Southeast 2nd Street

Edgerton, Missouri - Ridgely Christian Church - Route 1
Edwardsville, Kansas - Edwardsville Christian Church - 110 North 4th Street
Fontana, Kansas - Fontana Christian Church - 38333 Hedge Lane
Grain Valley, Missouri - Grain Valley Christian Church - North Outer Road West
Grandview, Missouri - Southview Christian Church - 13604 Norby Road
Holt, Missouri - Holt Christian Church - Second Street and Franklin Street
Hume, Missouri - Hume Christian Church - 4th and Hume Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Shawnee Boulevard Christian Church - 818 Shawnee Road
Kansas City, Kansas - Stony Point Christian Church - 149 South 78th Street
Kansas City, Kansas - Wyandotte County Christian Church - 13700 Leavenworth Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Eastside Church of Christ - 2629 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri - First Christian Church of North Kansas City - 2018 Gentry
Kansas City, Missouri - LifeSpring Christian Church - 6101 North Topping Avenue
Kansas City, Missouri - Northland Christian Church - 6120 Northeast 48th Street
Kansas City, Missouri - Northside Christian Church - 5114 Northwest Old Pike Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Restore Community Church - 7701 Northwest Barry Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Restore Community Church - 6321 Wornall Road
Kansas City, Missouri - Southside Christian Church - 7304 Cleveland Avenue
Kingston, Missouri - First Christian Church - 109 South Washington Street
Knob Noster, Missouri - First Christian Church - 101 South Monroe Avenue
La Cygne, Kansas - La Cygne Christian Church - 406 North Broadway
Leavenworth, Kansas - Wallula Christian Church - 23785 139th Street
Lee's Summit, Missouri - Legacy Christian Church - 2150 East Langford Road
Lenexa, Kansas - Country Hills Christian Church - 8835 Lackman Road
Liberty, Missouri - Clay County Christian Church - 1200 B Highway
Liberty, Missouri - Restore Community Church - 1000 Midjay Drive
Louisburg, Kansas - Louisburg Christian Church - 301 State Highway 64
Mayview, Missouri - Cedar Grove Christian Church - 1195 Northwest 271st Road
Mound City, Kansas - Mound City Federated Church - 511 Spruce
Mound City, Kansas - Wall Street Christian Church - 9756 West 1000 Road
Oak Grove, Missouri - Aullville Christian Church - % 805 East 15th
Oak Grove, Missouri - Oak Grove Christian Church - 118 Southwest 22nd Street
Odessa, Missouri - Rolling Meadows Christian Church - 10460 East Cemetery Road
Olathe, Kansas - Legacy Christian Church - 13715 West 151st Street
Olathe, Kansas - Olathe Christian Church - 1115 South Ridgeview Road
Overland Park, Kansas - Hillcrest Christian Church - 11411 Quivira Road
Overland Park, Kansas - Legacy Christian Church - 14301 Metcalf Avenue
Overland Park, Kansas - Legacy Christian Church - 10150 Antioch Road
Overland Park, Kansas - South Woods Christian Church - 16110 Metcalf Avenue
Paola, Kansas - Paola Christian Church - 302 East Peoria Street
Platte City Missouri - Hoover Christian Church - 15180 B Highway
Pleasanton, Kansas - First Christian Church - 301 East Park Street
Pleasanton, Kansas - First Christian Church - 613 Main Street
Raytown, Missouri - Westridge Christian Church - 7903 Westridge Road
Rich Hill, Missouri - First Christian Church - 300 East Walnut Street
Richmond, Missouri - Richmond Christian Chapel - 801 South Wollard Boulevard
Shawnee, Kansas - Crossroads Christian Church - 5855 Renner Road
Shawnee, Kansas - Grandview Christian Church - 20280 West 47th Street
Sibley, Missouri - Sibley Christian Church - 300 Chicago Avenue
Smithville, Missouri - Outreach Christian Church - 620 South Commercial
Tonganoxie, Kansas - Tonganoxie Christian Church - 204 East Washington Street

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16. Two Color Photos:
    (1) Hall Family Barn in Nebraska and
    (2) Newell and Frieda's Home in Wills Point made from the Nebraska Barn lumber.
17. Black and White 2" X 3" Photo of Newell Hall
18. Copy of E. O. Nielsen's Pen and Ink drawing of the Central Christian Church Building at 3801 East Linwood Boulevard
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ITEMS SENT TO MONA MARIE GARRISON WHEN THE ITEMS SHE LOANED ME WERE RETURNED
1. 1958 Christmas Card from the Hall's showing wedding photo of Robert Hall and Cindy Pendergast - from my collection
2. Original copy of "Newell Hall's Membership Journal #1" - Handwritten by Newell Hall that was given to Robert and Evelyn Winger by Newell and Frieda Hall when we visited them in Wills Point, Texas on October 28, 2003.

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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!!!

Robert Winger
1952

Our 60th Anniversary
June 29, 2012

Evelyn (Gish) Winger
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I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who have been so willing to help me gather the information that was needed for this history to become a reality.

It has been a long but very enjoyable journey down "Memory Lane". It's our hope, for those of you who knew the Hall's and were a part of the Central Christian Church family, that something written within these pages will bring back some pleasant memories for you as well.

Regrettably, this work does not include the names of countless individuals at Central whose lives touched our lives in a very special way, and to whom we are deeply and eternally grateful. However, our task today is to thank God for their faithfulness and influence, and to pass it on to others.

Evelyn and I send our love to each of you and ask God to lavish His love and blessings on you and yours.

God be with you until we meet again - if not here - then with Him!